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The Earth Has Grown Old.



*The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young;
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.*

*It is coming, old earth, it is coming to-night!
On the snowflakes that cover the sod
The feet of the Christ-Child fell gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-Child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.*

*The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.*

—Phillips Brooks.