

main intention is to ask the grace of a happy death for all our subscribers, and to pray for all their intentions. We also say a mass in January for all our subscribers departed.

We earnestly recommend the daily recital of the prayers on the second last page of *The Voice*.

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## CHRISTMAS HYMN

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TO THE INFANT JESUS.

(Written for THE VOICE.)

Rejoice ! rejoice ! ye heav'ns and earth,  
 And sweet hosannas sing,  
 Rejoice ! rejoice ! with one accord,  
 To praise our new-born King !

What though no laurel decks His brow,  
 Nor vassals on Him wait,  
 Nor gaudy herald proclaims aloud  
 To man his ransomed state ?  
 See in the heav'ns a joyous band,  
 Tune sweetly golden lyres,  
 And angel voices warble forth  
 Glad hymns from heav'nly choirs.

CHORUS—Rejoice ! rejoice ! &c.

The silent moon her vigil keeps,  
 The clust'ring stars shine forth,  
 The atmosphere is full of love,  
 A peace reigns o'er the earth.  
 The gates of heav'n are open wide  
 And angels bright descend,  
 A brilliant star lights up the sky,  
 What does it all portend ?

CHO.—Rejoice ! rejoice ! &c.

To simple shepherds keeping watch  
 An angel first appears,  
 And greetings kind, and words of peace  
 Fall gently on their ears—  
 "O ! glory be to God on high,  
 And peace to man on earth,  
 Glad tidings unto you I bring  
 Of Christ the Saviour's birth !"

CHO.—Rejoice ! rejoice ! &c.