

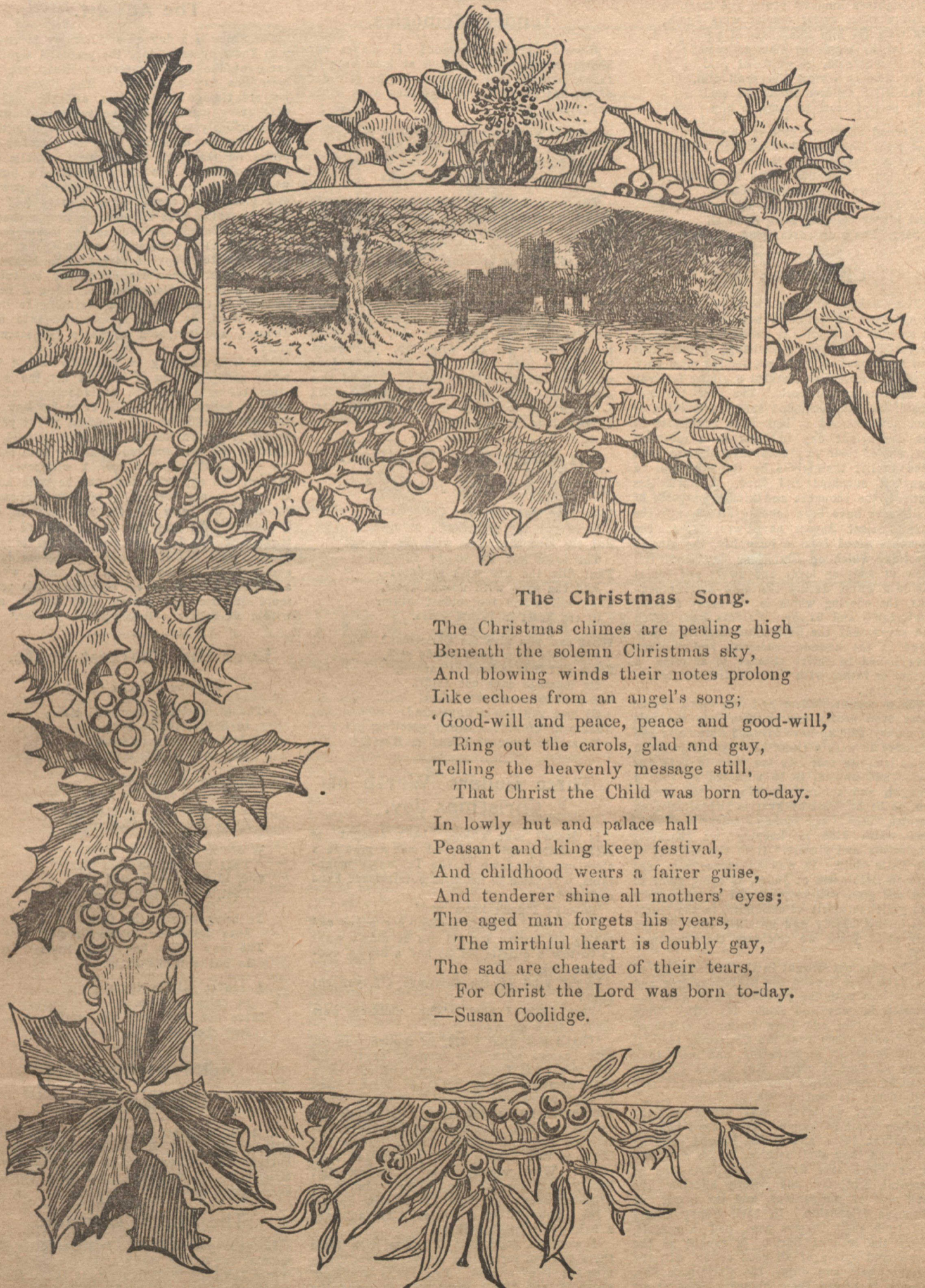
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## The Christmas Song.

The Christmas chimes are pealing high  
 Beneath the solemn Christmas sky,  
 And blowing winds their notes prolong  
 Like echoes from an angel's song;  
 'Good-will and peace, peace and good-will,'  
 Ring out the carols, glad and gay,  
 Telling the heavenly message still,  
 That Christ the Child was born to-day.

In lowly hut and palace hall  
 Peasant and king keep festival,  
 And childhood wears a fairer guise,  
 And tenderer shine all mothers' eyes;  
 The aged man forgets his years,  
 The mirthful heart is doubly gay,  
 The sad are cheated of their tears,  
 For Christ the Lord was born to-day.  
 —Susan Coolidge.