

I'll *love* you  
forever!



— A Christmas poem —

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A little boy sat on his mother's knee,  
And gazed at her face so longingly.  
He looked at her features, distorted and marred,  
And said, "Why are your face and your hands so scarred?"

His question took her aback with surprise,  
And she felt the tears welling again in her eyes.  
She kissed him and hugged him just ever so tight,  
As her thoughts went back to that terrible night.  
"Darling" she said, and she hugged him some more,  
"I just haven't told you what happened before,  
But one night when you were all tucked in bed  
A fire broke out in our garden shed.

And quickly it spread to our house as well,  
And the flames were so hot, it was too hard to quell.  
And that was the night when your dear Daddy died,  
And you were asleep, and were left trapped inside.  
Our neighbours and friends were so helpful and good,  
And everyone did just whatever they could.  
But I knew you were there and kept calling your name,  
And I loved you so much, that I ran through the flame.

But I saved you, and darling, that's all that I care,  
And that's why those scars and reminders are there."  
Then they both sat there ever so quietly together,  
"Til the little boy said, "Mum, I'll love you forever,

Do you know what I'd like to do every year,  
On the special day when your birthday is here,  
We will have all our friends around here for tea,  
And they'll give you presents and a big one from me."

Now just try to imagine if each year on the date  
That the little boy promised they'd all celebrate,  
The friends came with food and presents galore,  
And they'd give to each other, but his mother ignore.

But they wouldn't do that, I hear you all say,  
And yet it is true, that on Christmas Day,  
People like us do the very same thing,  
We give to each other, -yet forget Christ the King.

And the world now no longer remembers the reason,  
It has dinners and parties to bring in the season.  
And for weeks ahead, catalogues come in the mail  
To tell us to buy in the pre-Christmas sale.

And on T.V. and papers we're told what we'll need,  
And shopkeepers pander along to our greed.  
For Christmas is when the cash register rings,  
And folks are caught up in the frenzy of things.

But I wonder if in all this glitter and feting,  
Have you stopped to think what we should be celebrating?  
For this is the time we remember Christ's birth,  
And how He came down here from Heaven to earth.

Have you ever stood still and gazed into the face  
Of our loving Lord Jesus who died in our place?  
The scars and the nailprints are there because He  
Gave His life there at Calvary to save you and me.

So may we this Christmas, as never before  
Just thank Him, and let us our Saviour adore,  
And let us in all of our getting together  
Not forget to say "Jesus, I'll love you forever".

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*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his  
only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the  
world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that  
believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not  
believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"*  
(John 3:16-18).

# It's Time

Yes it's time to seek the Lord.

Life at best is very brief  
Like the falling of a leaf  
Like the binding of a sheaf  
Be in time.

If this was the last Christmas you ever had  
where would you be in eternity?

The Bible makes it clear there is a heaven to gain  
and a hell to shun. God wants all to be saved and  
has paid the price by sending the Lord Jesus Christ  
from heaven to be the Saviour of the world.

We can be saved from the guilt and power of our sin  
because Jesus took our guilt on the cross.

He rose from the grave and now offers pardon for  
our sin and eternal life **as a free gift** to all who put  
their trust in Him. The Bible says:

*"The wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**"*  
(Romans 6:23).

**The choice is yours. You can receive the gift.**

How can you be sure?

The Bible says,  
*"Whosoever shall call upon the  
name of the Lord **shall be saved**"*  
(Romans 10:13).

Call upon the Lord and then believe His promise.

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