



One  
Small  
Candle

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ONE SMALL CANDLE  
and  
OTHER CHRISTMAS POEMS  
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### One Small Candle

*One small candle can make Christmas.  
This I know—  
For in a stable dark and low,  
By a little candle's glow,  
I saw the face of Mary mild,  
As she softly sweetly smiled  
Upon her sleeping Holy Child.*

### Invitation

*Last night I heard an angel song  
Above the Judean hill  
"Glory to God in the Highest  
Peace on the Earth, Good Will."*

*A bright star twinkled in the sky,  
It's mellow mystic light,  
Piercing the fleecy drifting clouds,  
Illumined the Winter night.*

*O, come with me to Bethlehem,  
Early on Christmas morn  
To the little Judean town  
Where Jesus Christ was born.*

*Beside a manger rude and bare  
Within a stable dim  
Kneeling with the shepherds there  
We, too, will worship Him.*

## Bethlehem

*Over the wind swept Judean hills  
Following a twinkling star,  
Let us go now to Bethlehem  
The journey is not far.*

*Perhaps some humble shepherds there,  
Upon the Syrian plain,  
Will join our little caravan  
They heard the sweet refrain.*

*Wise Men laden with gifts of Gold  
From countries strange and far  
Are hurrying through the Winter night,  
They too beheld the Star.*

*Let us go now to Bethlehem,  
The journey is not far  
For Bethlehem is everywhere  
That faith, hope and love are.*

## A Priceless Gift

*In an old legend we are not told  
Which of the Wise Men carried gold.  
Neither do we know the name  
Of him, who with some rare myrrh came;  
Nor the one, who from his treasured store  
Sweet frankincense to Jesus bore.  
It matters not from whence they came,  
Nor whether they had wealth or fame,  
And if they journeyed long and far  
Following a clear bright twinkling star.  
For each bore with him a priceless thing,  
Faith in the little new born King.*



### Would You?

*Tinsel dust and star gleam  
With moonlight on the snow;  
Candles in the windows  
Shedding their mellow glow;  
Wreaths of holly shining  
With berries red and bright;  
Stockings by the chimney  
In the warm fire light,  
Symbols of glad Yule-tide—  
If Christ on earth should roam,  
Would then invite Him  
Into your heart and home?*

## Peace On Earth

*'Twas that first glad Christmas night,  
Moon and stars were shining bright.  
Shepherds on the Syrian plain  
Heard a joyous sweet refrain,  
"Peace on earth, to men, good will"  
Floated over vale and hill.*

*Now again 'tis Christmas night,  
Moon and stars are shining bright,  
Weary, war-torn world of men,  
Listen to the song again  
Floating over vale and hill  
"Peace on earth, to men, good will."*

### **'Tis Christmas Again**

*When wreaths of holly and mistletoe  
Hang in windows lighted by candle glow;  
And the goddess of the Winter air  
Is strewing snowflakes everywhere;  
When bells from towers are ringing  
And children sweetly singing,  
Songs of good will and peace on earth  
As angels sang at Jesus birth,  
Then, 'tis Christmas again.*

## King Of Kings

*No one rang bells at Jesus' birth  
Nor cried, "Long Live the King,"  
Only the humble shepherds heard  
The herald angels sing.*

*No ivory palace was prepared  
But a stable bare and dim,  
No silken canopied wee bed  
Only a manger for Him.*

*He wore no soft warm ermine robe,  
Nor garments fine and thin,  
Mary had only swaddling clothes  
To wrap her Baby in.*

*No jeweled crown was ever placed  
Upon His royal head,  
On earth awaiting Him there was  
A crown of thorns instead.*

*He held no scepter in His hand,  
Nor sat on gilded throne,  
Yet millions do His bidding still  
And worship Him alone.*

## **Holy Night**

*Moonlight and star bright,  
Above a Judean plain  
Shepherds watching in the fields  
Heard a sweet refrain.*

*Moonlight and star bright,  
In an Eastern land afar  
Wise Men with their gifts of gold  
Followed a twinkling star.*

*Moonlight and star bright,  
Over a stable shed  
Within, the infant Jesus slept,  
In His manger bed.*

*Moonlight and star bright,  
Holy Night of Jesus' birth,  
"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,"  
Still echoes round the earth.*

## Christmas Candles

*As we twine our wreaths of holly,  
With berries red and bright  
And hang them in our windows  
On each glad Christmas night.*

*Let us light our tapering candles,  
Mid revelry and din  
And place them in our windows  
To guide the Christ Child in.*

### **Revelation**

*Once I met three wise men  
And journeyed on with them,  
To a lowly manger  
In far off Bethlehem.*

*I did not even try  
The mystery to unfold,  
It was enough for me  
His own face to behold.*

### Consecration

*No frankincense nor gold I bring,  
As offering, unto Christ, my King;  
Nor gems, nor silks, nor spices rare  
Will I present Him, kneeling there.  
But in the stable bare and dim  
There, I will give myself to Him.*







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