

## Christmas for Everyone

### EACH CHRISTMASTIDE

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1. Each Christmastide gives us space for a journey,  
Journey to places that dwell deep within.  
There we find sparkles of night's silent stillness,  
Wombs where re-birthing of spirits begin.  
Wombs of our newness hold angels' sweet voices  
Singing the songs that the Cosmos still sings,  
Songs of the cattle and all of creation,  
Nurturing mangers that Nature still brings.
2. Hearing the songs hidden deep down inside us  
Helps us view wonder through shepherds' bright eyes,  
Sensing God's presence on Earth as in Heaven;  
God of the wonder and God of surprise.  
Journeys beyond all our wombs of belonging  
Take us to places where Herods still rule.  
After our fleeing to needy dependence  
Love gives us strength for confronting the cruel.
3. God was not absent till Mary bore Jesus,  
God did not need to be freed from the skies;  
Christ came to waken our sense of God's presence,  
Present in laughter and present in cries.  
Each day is Christmas for wonder-filled pilgrims,  
Each day holds birthing God calls us to choose,  
Birthing within the great womb of God's mystery,  
Mystery that points to the Gospel's good news.

*As six verses this hymn may be sung to SPEAN ( WOV 234.)*

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