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Today  
(won't come again)

The time has come  
and gone.  
Did it have  
empty minutes  
and hollow hours?  
Did you fail to see  
faces of love  
painted  
on the second hand  
of today?

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## That Day

When elves play  
as work is done

and Joy,  
just begun.  
The sleigh is washed  
and shines  
with polish and spit  
for with it  
the world did shrink  
and if you blink  
the loss is yours  
for speed is light  
and time is fleeing.  
Another year will come  
to find  
growth of Love  
in tiny minds  
for He who guides  
the stars by night  
still lives  
in stories made  
of miracles and light  
where Truth and Grace  
became  
flesh and breath  
to warm our hearts  
and save the day.

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**Ornaments of Grace**

They move with  
precisionless ease  
on the Tree of  
Christmas  
called "Church,"  
in colors demure  
to ornate  
adding sparkle and  
glitter  
to the tinsel of season.

They are we  
who decorate  
the tree of life  
as Christ  
on a treed cross  
produced Grace  
hung with ornaments  
of suffering.

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## **The Yoke**

Before the fall  
was before all  
the grittiness  
and shackles  
of humanity  
where bodies  
of death and deceit  
wait in splendid  
adoration  
for the restoring of  
Adam. . .

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**Universal Bethlehem**

Star of Bethlehem  
creation's architect  
creation's child  
shook the planet  
with meekness  
and humility  
confounding our world  
with simplicity  
of grace and pardon  
from infant to savior,  
one giant step  
across the universe  
to man.

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## **Jerusalem Sunset**

Dusk ignites  
shadow and light  
of Jerusalem night  
where truth flees  
before darkness leaves  
evil and deeds  
in the heart  
of man.

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## **Silent Savior**

The Spirit's work  
in the hidden heart  
by faith and grace

yield life and peace.

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**The Wisdom  
(of forbidden fruit)**

Satan's answer  
to all creation  
is the wisdom  
of our world.

Authored  
in beauty and light  
reflecting his rebellion  
and succulent message  
to abandon the path  
and follow a piping  
that leads  
to eternal destruction.

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## **Children and the Kingdom**

The Kingdom of God  
was made for children.

We all are those  
who enter through  
the child's gate.

Once in, we become  
a fountain of life  
pouring out  
the trusting nature  
of a new beginning  
with all the innocence  
of childhood.



Children of God,  
offspring of he  
who pasted the stars  
in nighttime darkness  
and colored our sky  
with the eagle's wing.

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**Peace**  
**(The Dream)**

A liberal concept  
from human wisdom  
where  
good and evil  
live harmoniously  
in the family of man.

And real Peace  
will come  
to reign  
a thousand years  
when all evildoers  
fly to the Lake of Fire.

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**Christianity  
(THE narrow WAY)**

Defined by G-d's Word  
on the Cross.  
Not church  
nor entity  
or man  
has leave  
to corrupt scripture  
by self appointment.  
All stand as stewards  
responsible  
to the Spirit  
who alone seals  
believers  
for Redemption  
by his inward presence

at Faith and Profession  
of Jesus as L-rd,  
Savior  
Intercessor alone  
between man  
and G-d the Father.  
To him, Glory.

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**GRIEF**  
**(AND A NEW DAY)**

GRIEF DEPARTS  
ON WINGS OF MEMORY  
AS A NEW DAY  
FILLS THE HEART  
WITH HOPE AND  
FOCUS  
OF A NEW BEGINNING  
SHARED WITH IMAGES  
OF PAST LOVE.  
HORIZONS BRING  
THE MARCH

OF NEW VISION,  
FOR G-D'S POWER  
CREATES LIFE  
IN EACH NEW DAY  
AND LAYS MEMORIES  
TO REST  
IN THE STRENGTH  
OF HIS SAVIOR SON.

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## **Prophecy 101**

We stand poised  
by the portal  
where time  
and limitation  
end,

prepared to meet  
the boundless concept  
of higher power.

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to mortal flesh,

we shall change

in a #####

of His mind's eye,

billions of bodies

in new flesh

living by the blood

shed for us

never again

to be spilled

as sacrifice

for the world's woe.

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## **David's Star**

**(with heart)**

Only antiquity and pain  
attend

birthing of this star.

Worn in centuries past,

degrading Jews,

comes full circle

to nation's symbol,

Pride

and ever present

Star of Bethlehem.

As David, so Israel

after G-d's own heart

by light revealed

seeking:

Righteousness

Favor

G-d's love

Eternal life

THE LIGHT

taken from their eyes.

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## **Birth and Grace**

Conception's miracle

creates life

where none exists.

Salvation's miracle

wraps old hearts

in Grace

and new life is born,

eternal life,

a source of power

and creativity  
beyond human concept,  
for we all bear  
sin's mark,  
branded by birth  
with a failed future,  
lifted by Grace  
to the Heavens.

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## **Seven Stars**

Lit the Columbia blue  
of Texas skies  
and flashed  
Heavenward  
to eternity



bearing souls  
and heroes  
with the memory  
of families left behind.  
Soaring eagles  
on the six point  
'Star of David'.

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### **The Shepherd Boy King**

David,  
anointed by oil and  
Spirit,  
armed with sling and  
stone,  
served the flesh  
of Goliath and Philistine  
to bird and beast  
of Elah valley.  
Boy by age.  
Giant in spirit.  
He stood  
above all Israel  
understanding  
G-d's vision

for the flock  
of his pasture.

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## **Fear and Wisdom**

Has not the G-d  
of our fathers  
authored wisdom  
and wed it to fear  
for many offspring?  
Should we not sit  
with wise men  
and dine  
on the succulent flavor  
of his favor?  
Is not  
the fear of the L-rd  
a guarding angel  
for those who know  
right  
and set their face  
to the flint of  
obedience?  
A bag of many shekels  
stir the heart,  
but wisdom is it's own  
reward  
with a still small voice  
in the night.

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## **Choose You This Day**

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Can a nation divided,  
long stand?  
Who can bind the  
wound  
and pour oil?  
Should patient  
serve physician?  
Or the dead  
bury our living?  
Or a woman  
ransom the pious?

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## The Lady of Our Light

Her flame burns high  
from a passion for light  
filling earth  
with hope  
of truth  
to set free  
those who love  
Lady Liberty.

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## **Judaism**

Inspiration provided by  
a Rabbi's  
visit to American  
hospitals where  
clergy of all faith  
minister to  
the sick and injured.

The pains of our heart  
are soothed  
by the streams of  
Judaism  
as good Rabbis  
whisper  
words of hope  
and blessing  
at the pillows  
of hopelessness  
where steams of  
healing  
ebb and flow  
to deep lakes  
of smooth water  
in peaceful tranquility,  
renewing the  
spirit/body.

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## **Bethlehem Still**

Gone are the guns  
and garb of war.  
Left,  
vacancies  
of Arab occupation:  
silent streets  
filled with  
silent time.  
Still  
and real;  
that night  
with light  
and praise  
Jesus gave  
creation  
the Potter's spin.

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## **Gethsemane's Caretaker**

shaded the footprints of  
Jesus,  
sheltered his prayers  
covered his disciples  
in slumber

guarded the ages,  
now waits  
for his return  
where they shared  
stars  
as he nourished  
Gethsemane's soil  
with the lifeblood  
of his agony.

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### **Golden Is The Gate**

that was  
sealed by prophecy  
with mortar  
and Arab fear.  
It is through this gate  
the rising  
Son of destruction  
will visit his enemies.

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### **Their World**

Children bring their  
load  
of delight  
to our world

putting life on hold,  
with free smiles  
wrapped in childhood  
wiles  
and pieces of wonder  
stolen  
from Aliceland.

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