

**Christmas Eve**

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out of the dust and clay.  
And in his nostrils breathed life,  
e'en as the scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's paradise  
he placed him to dwell,  
that he within it should remain,  
to dress and keep it well:

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*Now let good Christians all begin  
an holy life to live,  
and to rejoice and merry be,  
for this is Christmas Eve.*

Now mark the goodness of the Lord  
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His mercy soon he did extend,  
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And when we die, in heaven shall  
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And now the tide is nigh at hand,  
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Let us rejoice and merry be  
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Let's feed the poor and hungry souls,  
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Then when we die, in heaven we  
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