

Hurst Green Evangelical Church

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Glorious Contentment

Bit of a poet lover

All know some of this one but I will spare you all the verses:

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

~~The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.~~

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

Names of the reindeer!! No Rudolph!

Memories for all ages

A poem full of expectation

For Christians Christmas is not about expectation.

Christmas is about fulfilment for Jew and Christian alike

The difference is the Christian sees the fulfilment – the Jew still waits.

The rest of the world has no idea and need it all explaining.

But for us we can relax today – For today is Christmas day!!

We sing and praise God for our saviour's birth.

God's master plan is revealed.

We can sit back in awe at its simplicity

Our enemy sits back in horror at its simplicity and he has spent 2000 years trying to convince man that it is complex.

We sit back in glorious contentment for the simple way God has given us to be saved.

Glorious contentment is the phrase I would like you to take this Christmas.

You rest content in what our saviour has done for us.

Glorious is the nature of what he has done.

In the business of today find time to rest in glorious contentment that your saviour has brought for you.