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Arrogant Worms "The Same Christmas Cake"

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Christmas makes me realize how greatly things do change

Friends lose touch, people age, and family moves

But it is what had stayed the same that gives me the most tears

For I've had the same Christmas cake for almost thirty

Granny made it back in sixty-eight and gave it to my mom

Who gave it to her uncle who gave it to her son Who then gave it to me and that is where it stuck For I was only three months old and clearly out of luck Each Christmas of my childhood that fruit-brick would return

My mom would place it on a plate and tell me I must

That it is rude to get a gift and not put it to use And every year I'd take a bite and chip another tooth After fifteen years of misery I'd had all I could take That summer I went camping and dropped it in the lake I thought that I was rid of it, but on Christmas eve There it was "from Santa Claus" under the Christmas tree

Each year I'd try to lose it but it would just return So I cried out "oh why have I been given such a burden?"

A voice replied, "it's not a curse, but the greatest gift" "For when all else abandons you, you will still have it." For all of man's creations slowly waste away Relationships do crumble and buildings do decay The pyramids and stonehenge slowly disappear But if they were made of Christmas cake they'd last a million years

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