

## **Jethro Tull**

# **"Birthday Card At Christmas"**

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Got a birthday card at Christmas... it made me think of  
Jesus Christ.

It said, "I love you" in small letters. I simply had to read  
it twice.

Wood smoke curled from blackened chimneys. The  
smell of frost was in the air.

Pole star hovered in the blackness. I looked again... it  
wasn't there.

People have showered me with presents. While their  
minds were fixed on other things.

Sleigh bells, bearded red suit uncles. Pointy trees and  
angel wings.

I am the shadow in your Christmas. I am the corner of  
your smile.

Perfunctory in celebration. You offer content but no  
style.

That little baby Jesus... he got a birthday card or three.  
Gold trinkets and cheap frankincense. Some penny  
baubles for his tree.

Have some time off for good behaviour. Forty days,  
give or take a few.

Hey there, sweet baby Jesus... Let's share a birthday  
card with you.

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