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"The Christmas Spirit"

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(Praises sing to Christ the King and peace to men on earth)

On Christmas Eve I dreamed I traveled all around the earth

And in my dream I saw and heard the ways the different people hail the king

Whose star shone in the east and what a dream it was

In London Town I walked around Piccadilly Circus

A mass of people movin' here and there I wandered where

On every face at every place was hurry up I'm late

But a kind old man at a chestnut stand said merry Christmas mate

And I felt the Christmas spirit

[choir]

In a little town nestled down in Bavaria Germany

I walked along to see what the feeling there would be

And here again was the busy din the rushin' the yellin'

But some kind boy said Frohliche Weihnachten

Not undesratnding the words but gettin' the buyin' and sellin'

I felt the Christmas spirit

[piano - choir]

In Bethlehem I heard a hymn some distant choir sang

And with other tourists I walked along to a church as its
bells rang

Then I heard someone tell someone there's where
Christ was born

I wonder if he looked like our baby looked on that first
morn

And then I really felt the Christmas spirit

From a businessman in the Holy Land as a sidewalk
souvenirshop

I bought a little Bible since I'd hardly stopped

And it was in Paris France somehow by chance that I
took the Bible out

And as I flipped the pages I saw these words and I
knew what it was all about

For I read fear not for behold I bring you good tidings
of great joy

Which shall be to all people

For unto you he was born this day in the City of David a
Saviour

Which is Christ the Lord

[choir]

Then I took the little Holy Book held it close and tight

I closed my eyes and visualized the glory of that night

So suddenly it came to me for when I awoke on
Christmas Day

I felt the Christmas spirit down deep inside to stay

(O little town of Bethlehem how still we see Thee lie

Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars
go by

Yet in Thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee
tonight)

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