

CHRISTMAS POEMS

The Christmas Star

By ANTONIO M. MANAOG *

THY RAYS, O wondrous Star, at night
 Did guide the three kings on their flight;
 Rich gifts they came to offer Him,
 The new born Prince in Bethlehem.

And like those kings, O Christmas Star,
 We seek thy radiance from afar,
 To light dark hearts and saddened eyes;
 Shine on, O Star, from out the skies.

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The Three Wise Men

THERE were three kingly wise men
 Who came from far away,
 To see the little Jesus sleeping
 In the manger on the hay.

'Twas in the shining starlight
 Their camels trotted all the way,
 To see the little Jesus sleeping
 In the manger on the hay.

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Gifts

GIFTS I have not of silver or jewels,
 But songs I will sing to that first
 Christmas Day;
 Sweet thoughts of love and of joy
 I am bringing
 To the dear little Baby asleep on
 the hay.

—Selected

Christmas Everywhere

By ANGEL V. CAMPOY *

CHRISTMAS in the country,
 Christmas in the town,
 Christmas in the city,
 Christmas all around.

People all are happy,
 Everybody's gay,
 Children all are merry,
 On this Christmas day.

Angels in the heavens
 Sang hymns of lofty cheer,
 To tell to all the people
 That Christ, our Lord, is here.

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Bright Star of Christmas

BRIGHT star of Christmas,
 The shepherds have seen you tonight;
 Bright star of Christmas,
 The wise men will follow your light.

Over the stable where sheep and
 cattle lay,
 Star brightly shining,
 You bring the Christmas Day.

Low in a manger
 The Bethlehem Babe they found;
 Though they be strangers,
 He smiles at them kneeling round.

Gifts they will bring Him;
 Then up and on their way
 Filled with the wonder
 Of that first Christmas Day.

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