

Christmas Is Coming

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The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics underneath. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff includes the word 'Fine' above the final note. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Cri-ri-ri-ri-ring cring-cring Christ-mas is com-ing Cri-ri-ri-ri-
ring cring-cring Christ-mas is com-ing, Cri-ri-ri-ri-ring cring-cring Christ-mas is
com-ing, All bells will ring this Christ-mas day. Sing the
song of glad-ness now, And lets twine the hol-ly bright. Glad
Christ-mas time is com-ing, Our hearts with joy are light.

Note: The last three lines are taken from a poem.

AN UNEXPECTED

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Joe slept well that night. His mother awakened him in the morning. "Joe! Joe! Wake up!" she exclaimed. "Here is something for you."

Joe jumped up from his bed and ran to where his mother was standing. She had a big package in her arms.

"What is that, mother?" he shouted.

"Something for you, Joe," she said as she placed the big package on the floor. "A messenger brought it in a few minutes ago. He said

it is from the gentleman whom you met last night."

There was a note inserted. Joe opened it. It ran:

Dear Joe:

I'm sorry you could not attend the party but what you did which prevented you from being with the other children is great. I wish I were in your place. Then I would feel great—greater than what I am now.

Receive this little gift and may you have a happy Christmas. Someday you will know me.

Your Old Friend.

Joe opened the package. Every-

thing he needed for Christmas was inside. There was a pair of white pants, a silk shirt, an undershirt, a silk hat, a pair of shoes, and toys. There were also a big silk kerchief for mamma and a pair of slippers for papa. At the bottom of the package was an envelope. On it the following was written: "FOR HOME NEEDS." Inside the envelope was a ten-peso bill.

Joe knelt down and raising his eyes to Heaven, said: "Lord, bless the gentleman whose heart is so good and kind."

Joe had a happy Christmas and he deserved it for he was a good boy and a thoughtful son.