

## 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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