Joyful
Energy
Showing
Us
Serenity

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#### **Forever Christmas**

We talk of peace at Christmas
We talk of joy and love
We sing our songs of Jesus
We sing of God above
We wish each other happiness
We wish for no more fear
But how many of us remember
To continue throughout the year?

The spirit of Christmas forever The feelings of good cheer It's time to keep them inside us Now and throughout the year

So when Christmas-time is over The family's gone away The fancy food's been eaten The day's just another day If we can simply remember What Christmas is really for We can keep the spirit of Christmas Inside us for evermore

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## **Forever Christmas (ctd)**

And so my wish this Christmas
Is peace for one and all
I truly hope you'll listen
When you get that inner call
To heal your personal conflicts
For inner peace to reign
And then the world outside of you
Can live in peace again

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#### Easter

What do you think of at Easter? What's it all about? Are you full of certainty Or is there any doubt?

Is your focus on chocolate? On Easter Bunnies so sweet? Is eating all those Easter Eggs The real Easter treat?

Or is your focus on Jesus? Remembering what we're told Of how he gave his life for us A miracle to behold

Of how he rose from the dead To prove he's beyond compare To share his gift of wisdom To help us if we dare

To believe in more than chocolate On more than what is here To allow God's love in all of us A chance to re-appear

So as well as enjoying chocolate Guzzling eggs galore I'll remember the life of Jesus Today and for evermore

### **Easter thoughts**

What do you think about at Easter What's it really for? A time to gorge on chocolate Or a chance to change for evermore?

Do you deprive yourself beforehand Is that what Lent is for? Then do you gorge yourself on chocolate Or change for evermore?

Do you think about Jesus A name you curse or bless? Do you have to be a Christian To enjoy the happiness?

Of accepting the miracle of Jesus Of recognising God's gift Regardless of religion The story of Jesus can lift

Your spirits and bring you hope Peace and joy to reign Regardless of your religion Easter's time to start again

## **Easter Thoughts (ctd)**

Whatever's gone before Is past and not what's now Giving each of us the chance To enjoy our lives somehow

If we recognise our talents And bring them to the fore Whether we recognise Jesus We can all live in peace for evermore

#### **Jesus**

Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Is a question I often asked Finding out the answer Became my life's main task

I searched for the answer everywhere Until I realised That everywhere is not the place The answer's deep inside

Having experienced a miracle Feeling God's love For me there is no doubt at all He rose and lives above

The opportunity is there for you To feel God's love in your heart All you need is the confidence And the willingness to start

To take time to listen to the silence To take the time to be still To open your heart to whatever you feel To be open to God's will

Then your own miracle you will find Has been waiting all along The friend and guide you've been searching for Revealed through this song

# You're always free to forgive

You're always free to forgive With Jesus in your heart Always free to forgive Free to make a fresh start

# **Beneath the layers**

Beneath the layers of hurt and anger Jesus continues to lie in the manger Helping us to be Setting us all free When we give him the chance When we let our energy dance

# **Joyful Energy**

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That's what JESUS does
No need for any of the fuss

He never asked for any grand gestures Recognition or fame All he ever did was simply share his truth The absolute truth of his name

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#### At this time of year

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Why do so many fear
That what they do or say won't be right?
Why is what we give
More important than how we live?
Why isn't Christmas a delight?

For the birth of Jesus Is all that Christmas is about An innocent babe in a manger So why all the fear and doubt?

So if you're getting afraid About the decisions you have made On what to give and what to say Remember the story Remember the glory Of that first Christmas Day

And choose which of the characters Relates best to you Mary, Joseph or a shepherd Any of those present will do

For you to gain more perspective On Christmas time this year And with this new awareness You'll no longer fear

Whether your present will be perfect Or whether the meal will be OK Connect to the truth of Christmas And you'll enjoy each day

# **Happy Birthday Jesus**

Happy Birthday Jesus Happy Birthday you Happy Birthday Jesus Thanks for being true

### Does it really matter?

Does it really matter if the cake doesn't rise? Or if we forget to buy the mince pies? What is it about Christmas that matters to you? For me it's about remembering what's true

That Jesus really did spend time on this earth That Christmas is the anniversary of his birth So regardless of whatever else you do Please remember Jesus lived just like me and you

In an earthly form Following the norm Of living and dying Laughing and crying

Though rather than forgetting what he was before He remained connected to his evermore And that is the message that has lingered on Forever since his birth that you're never gone

There is an everlasting part of you Always connected, always true So whatever religion you follow, or not We are all invited in a way that was forgot

Now it's time to wake up to this fact Now it's time to start to act As one global family celebrating the birth Of everyone who has lived upon this earth

## Does it really matter? (ctd)

Each life important in its own way
Each life important every single day
Each life to be treasured however they may live
Each life to be treasured for what it's able to give

The 'present' of each life may not be obvious to you Each life you experience will have another view Which may be quite different but vital to the whole Vital to the growth of every living soul

### As you delve

As you delve Into number 12 What thoughts come to mind? My attention is drawn To the disciples Of Jesus and wonder did they find?

What they were looking for? Or did they simply adore? Being in the presence of such an energy? Though did it prevent them being able to see

Their own inner light?
Is that what is right?
And why Jesus had to die that way?
And rise again briefly so that we can say

With true sincerity
That no-one ceases to be
We're all eternal, no-one ever dies
Through the gift of Jesus we can realise

That whilst our physical's Never meant to stay Our core being Never goes away

## Jesus never said things

Jesus never said things to save face Everything he did he did with good grace Yes he had emotions that were sometimes bad Yes there were things that made him mad and sad

Yet nothing and no one could make him lie To honour his truth he was willing to die Is the same true for you and I Would either of us be prepared to die?

Or would we be a coward and seek a way out Becoming two faced on life's roundabout? Or even multi faced depending on the need What would you do in order to succeed

In saving your skin?
In saving your face?
I for one
Would rather choose good grace

## We've all got a friend

We've all got a friend in Jesus Whatever we may believe Befriending Jesus is the first Step we need to achieve

Our ultimate level of awareness For any given thing It's through the connection with Jesus That our soul can sing

For whilst we may often struggle To connect or even believe In what some call God Jesus can always relieve

Acknowledged in every religion As a man who loved and cared For every single living thing That's the way he has prepared

For us to follow in his footsteps To put love and kindness first To rejoice in life's goodness Before we quench our thirst

Using any other tonic Will only cloud and suppress Maintain your optimum L.o.A With Jesus and Chikiness L.o.A – level of awareness

Chikiness – the ultimate state of being

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