

Christmas poem 2023

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A donkey stands all alone,
with the baby Jesus when he was still small.
The donkey comes closer carefully,
so that he can sniff the small and yet so big miracle.

The animals have already noticed a lot in life,
it was a blessing for Balaam's donkey.
How did Balaam's bribed heart change for money?
but the miracle happened: words of blessing came out over Israel.

Today as then it is said: choose for yourself, preferably the blessing,
Because everything depends on God's blessing...
Or do you know that people think...
and God directs.....

Look at the choirs of angels the shepherds heard,
what they were happy to say back then.
They went to the baby Jesus,
and suddenly in his presence, the worries fled and everything wasn't so bad anymore.

There was a light and a love in the stable,
although Jesus is the ruler, not only of the universe.
He doesn't need fame and golden shine,
he was happy with the simplicity of the stable.

Mother's love and father's love were there,
but also a divine plan – that is very clear.
The rulers of the world at the time tried to block it,
but the plans of the God of Israel were greater - they could not understand that.

It certainly wasn't the easiest journey....
but Jesus came completely in his own way...
The donkey and the sheep perhaps understood more about eternal love,
Then as now, people really need this.

Today we wish for the Christmas season again!
Are our hearts ready too?
To understand the message of love and forgiveness,
and take them into us forever?

Your view is then really determined from above,
and you learn to trust like a child.
If you want this Christmas to do that to you,
You would like the baby Jesus from Israel to laugh at you.

Pass on this Christmas joy,
a small piece of the invisible ladder to heaven.

