



Glitter and Gold



Glitter and Gold,
goods bought & sold.
Christmas is on its way.



Presents and all,
a trip to the mall.
All for the 25th day.

Where are the shepherds,
the wise men and love birds.
The horses pulling a sleigh.



The Bethlehem star,
more beautiful by far.
Than the one for the tree, bought today.

The birth of Baby Jesus,
the true meaning leaves us.
For January bills we will pay.



He later gave his life,
without discontent, or strife.
Just to show us allthe right way.



It's not too late yet,
and we must not forget.
How he taught us to live and obey.

The least we can do,
which includes ...all of you!
Is to show our true love ... and to say ...



Happy Birthday dear Brother,
unlike any other.
Merry Christ mas day!



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Just a Thought



"Foolishness was created
to confound the wise!"



"Keep in Touch!"

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"That's why it's called Christmas"

I've thought deeply about the significance of Christmas, more so this year than before. I believe these thoughts were sparked by the early arrival of Christmas items in the stores which began abruptly in August. I was shocked to see Santa's near the BBQ items and thought to myself "You're Kidding!?", actually questioning it. I was offended and somewhat disgusted, by what I interpreted as greed, with this thoughtless display... "Is this what our Christmas holiday is becoming, a race for the buck? "What about Thanksgiving?", "What about the children?", "How would they react?", remembering how excited I was the day after Thanksgiving when the Christmas decorations would come out of the attic. Only about a month to go, I could remember telling myself; the kids this year would have to count down 4 months for Christmas to arrive.

Feeling a bit ornery and still a bit disgusted, I decided to make a stand against the insensitive merchants who were attempting to take control of our holiday and change tradition. I chose not to buy anything commercially representative of Christmas until December 1st. This was my futile attempt at trying to regain control of the situation and allow Thanksgiving to have sole celebrity.

"Who was I punishing?" I have quite a few gifts to buy and I do usually start my holiday shopping before the end of Thanksgiving leaving December for the meaningful stuff; cookie baking and chocolate house building with family, decorating, church and other festivities.

The thing is, as I came to realize ... Christmas is in our hearts. It doesn't matter when the Nativities go on sale, dancing Santa's grace store windows, lights illuminate the streets or the herds of inflatable figurines change from vampires and ghosts to snowmen and Santa's. The memories revered and the new ones in the making don't revolve around the presents given or received, which are easily forgotten year to year, but the reason for the celebration and the great times we spend with family and friends reveling in the joyful birth of our Savior. So greedy merchants ... "Bring out the Santa's and Reindeer, as early as you like; it is just more time for me to think about the reason why we celebrate."

"Merry Christmas to all!"

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