

If Some Kind Heart

The night they knocked upon the door
In far off Bethlehem,
With pleading voices to implore
The inn to shelter them,
There was a light in Mary's eyes
That outshone all the starry skies.

But no one in the inn was blest
With vision of that light;
And keeper laughed at their request,
And back into the night
They turned their hearts undaunted, brave,
To seek the shelter of a cave.

If some kind heart had seen that flame
And offered them his room,
The shining glory of his name
Would have dispersed earth's gloom;
His deed would live in words of gold
When e're the Christmas tale was told. (T.E.B.)

The Crib Is For Oldsters, Too

The angels, shepherds and the Three Kings did not think visiting the crib at Bethlehem was for children only. You may say, "It was easy for them, because they saw the Christ Child in the flesh. We have only a flesh-colored doll for our eyes." Be careful what you say. It took more than the human eye to see verything at the stable in Bethlehem. The eyes of the shepherds and the Magi saw the flesh and movements of what looked like only another baby. What told them that this Babe was their God and Saviour? Their Faith.

You must go up to the crib in your parish church with your eyes of Faith and see beyond the plaster statues. You must go back in spirit to the first Christmas itself and then pray at the crib as if you were actually present with the shepherds who came to see the Divine Babe on the day of His birth. We are not 1948 years late for the first Christmas. Why? Because on that first Christmas day the Christ-Child saw the visit you would make to the crib in your home church or at Notre Dame. On that day, He saw you kneeling with the shepherds. What you would have said then, say to Christ when you visit the crib. The shepherds and Magi received special lights, blessings and favors in return for their adoration, faith and love. The infant Saviour has the same gifts for you.

Midnight Mass Fast

There is no strict law regarding the Communion fast for a Midnight Mass. It is recommended that you abstain from food and drink for four hours before Communion time. Since this is only a recommendation, you may still receive Holy Communion, if you should forget and take some food or liquid. If Communion will be distributed at about 1:00 a.m., then start your fast at 9:00 p.m.

PRAYERS: (Ill) friend of Joe Herrington (Cav); mother of Wade Kenney, (CC); father of George Kashner (Al).

COME TO BENEDICTION SUNDAY 7:00 P.M. & SING



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ROOM

