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## The Waits

*Margaret Deland*

At the break of Christmas Day,  
Through the frosty starlight ringing,  
Faint and sweet and far away,  
Comes the sound of children, singing,  
Chanting, singing,  
“Cease to mourn,  
For Christ is born,  
Peace and joy to all men bringing!”



Careless that the chill winds blow,  
Growing stronger, sweeter, clearer,  
Noiseless footfalls in the snow,  
Bring the happy voices nearer;  
Hear them singing,  
“Winter’s drear,  
But Christ is here,  
Mirth and gladness with Him bringing.”

“Merry Christmas!” hear them say,  
As the East is growing lighter;  
“May the joy of Christmas Day  
Make your whole year gladder, brighter!”  
Join their singing,  
“To each home  
Our Christ has come,  
All Love’s treasures with Him bringing!”

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