

Sleep In Heavenly Peace

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(quoting Gruber and Mohr)

1. And so it's Christmas
And "Peace On Earth" is
Heard in all the songs.
Visions of a baby in a manger
And Kings who bring their gifts.
Donations made to fight injustice
Now clear to all our hearts and minds
And we "sleep in heavenly peace"
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2. A child cries from hunger.
A woman weeps as her soldier falls.
A man maimed and deserted
While trying to make a stand.
These are the pictures our
Minds don't wish to see
On this sweet sentimental night;
Disturbs our sleep and our heavenly peace.

But the Master said, "Feed them."
The Master said, "Clothe them."
The Master said, "Take them in."
Why do we pack away compassion,
Generosity and hope
Like so many decorations
As soon as the season's done?

3. Emmanuel came to live with us.
He knew hunger, cold and pain.
Yet we hold on to our old ideals of that
Sweet baby in the hay.
Let the star be our compass
Let it show us the way
To obey the true words of this tiny Savior Lord
Each and every day
And sleep, then, in heavenly peace;
Yes we'll sleep then in heavenly peace.