

THE DREAM OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Now, this was the wonderful dream I had—a dream of the Christmas Tree: I dreamed that a melody sweet and glad rang out from somewhere to me, And out of the silvered east they came and out of the west—

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A Boy from the Slums in the Choir at St. Martin's.

Five minutes of eleven! The choir-master of St. Martin's looked impatiently from the clock to the door. The choir-room was nearly full of men and boys, arrayed in black cassocks and white coats.

When Jesus was Born.

Once upon a time, long ago, the most beautiful and wonderful thing happened that ever happened in the world. Well, I'll tell you. Who first knew about it? A very good woman named Mary.

AT BETHLEHEM'S INN.

The Princess came to Bethlehem's inn, The Keeper he bowed low; He sent his servants here and yon, His maids ran to and fro.

THE LEGEND OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE.

December, close to midnight in a German forest, fifteen hundred years ago. At that time, even as now, the steep sides of the Haiz mountains were carpeted with immense stretches of woods.



"O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!

Then beautiful angels came from heaven and sang songs praising God. The shepherds watched them till they went back to heaven, and then they hurried to Bethlehem as fast as they could.

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Keeping Christmas.

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Is There a Santa Claus?

No Santa Claus? Yes, my little man, there is a Santa Claus, thank God! The world would indeed be poor without one.

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