

Far and Near

Celestial voices call
and 'round me rings
the music of the spheres.'

There is more to Christmas
than meets the eye--
beyond us and within.

Fresh snow, smoke from chimneys,
frolicking pets,
a newly fallen tree.

Joy abounds far and near,
tied to hist'ry,
and to eternity.

Even now, life measures
distances that
redefine time and space.

'Don't be afraid,' we hear.
God is here now,
nearer than ever.

Creating, saving,
reaching out here
in faith, hope, and love.

One far beyond us
is coming near!
Seek him, and rejoice!

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