

## **Christmas Bread**



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In the multi-voiced tones of the traditions

to hear

the voice

calling me

and at the same time already heard in me

planted in the heart

listen: cherish and nurture

that which of grace

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was given to you and to me

this child

millennia ahead of me; so close

now here

Burgeoning faith,

jubilation, thanks and praise

for peace, friendship,

bread and life in same measure,

where my soul dwells

you and I tune ourselves

against the measure

the lockstep of power and greed

where sharing breeds fear

Peace on earth to the peoples

Yearning already sown in the heart

it sprouts and grows

can ripen, then the harvest

for the bread: no one homeless any longer

No one asks any longer: where his soul dwells

since peace now

is laden in the moment and taken up

miraculously true

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