

Starlight from Stars so Bright I find no warmth in you tonight.

So sang the shepherd girl,
Seated on the ground,
Lamb in her arms and sheep all around.
Quiet the night until one star lowered,
Bright as day even as she gazed, pointing a way.
Suddenly, music and angels hovering all around,
Singing, "Hurry, go, follow the star. A child is born this night
Who is Christ the Lord and salvation has come to all the earth.
Glory to God in the highest. Hurry, Hurry."
So, she ran with swift steps, the lamb in her arms.
The star hung above a light-filled stable,
where a young mother cradled a tiny baby.
Falling on her knees, she adored in the presence
Of simple holiness, letting the lamb go free as gift.
Believing and joyful, she sang her way home,
"Starlight from stars so bright,
thank you for such a glorious sight, this Holy Night."

By Sr. Mary Joy Peter



Merry Christmas!

This Christmas we see the transformation in our past chaotic months as all kinds of people reach out to recover beauty, compassion, love, and hope, May these light your celebration and way forward. Christmas blessings of peace and joy,
Sr. Sarah Manchester, Vicar

May the birth of our Savior bring you the love and joy that our God of abundant goodness gives. May you and your loved ones share Christmas' deepest peace during these extraordinary times. **Sr. Leandra Schaller, Councilor**

May we experience awe, wonder, and joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus even amidst the chaos, grief, and challenges of this year; May we be led toward the light of what is yet to be revealed, a future yet to be born; May we be mindful of all the blessings we have been given; and May the Franciscan spirit lead us to a reawakening call - the gift of a renewed prophetic ministry. **Sr. Alicia Cuarón, Councilor**

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