

The background of the image is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small, white stars. A single, exceptionally bright star is positioned in the upper right quadrant, emitting a prominent four-pointed starburst effect. Below the sky, the landscape is represented by three layers of rolling hills in shades of blue, creating a sense of depth and tranquility.

in the hush of the night is a light
faint at first, yet piercingly true with time
perhaps it's a distant sun, ancient and enduring,
yet new to this eye which has finally awoken
to the power of the small-ness making itself known.
yes, this light, this moment, this presence and perception
reminding us of ancient truths needing to be born again each day—

christ has come, and will come again
whenever we have eyes to see.

o come, all ye faithful,

christ is knocking, honking a horn, begging at the quikmart, checking your groceries.

o come, all ye faithful,

let us bring christ to birth again ... and again ... and again.

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Peace to you, from the Sisters of St. Francis in Sacred Heart Community