



### Come Home to Christmas

If worldly searching brings no lasting joy  
or grasping ego causes loss of friends,  
come home to Christmas.

If monetary loss appears long-term  
or health is gone and only pain remains,  
come home to Christmas.

If grief or sadness overwhelms your soul  
for no one can replace a loved one lost,  
come home to Christmas.

If winter in your life hides warmer times  
and no one seems to feel the cold you feel,  
come home to Christmas.

If family has disappeared from view  
and memories offer nothing but a void,  
come home to Christmas.

It is an inner place where calm awaits—  
a comforting and ease for misery.  
Come home to Christmas.

—Alan Harris  
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Dear Friends and Family,

We greet you again as the calendar rolls around to Christmas and New Year's. We hope you are well or soon will be. We have been enjoying good health.

Our 2021 has been a year of mostly staying home out of caution for the pandemic. We have spent a lot of enjoyable times with friends on Zoom: church groups, poetry groups, personal sharing groups, and spiritual study groups—an active year for fellowship with others in ways that could not have happened if there were no Zoom. In various groups we have met with friends in sixteen US states, Canada, England, and Taiwan, all without leaving home—rather like sitting around a hearth.

As we think of you this year, we wish you and your family happy and safe holidays, however you plan to spend them. Let's hope for a healthier world in 2022.

Merry Christmas,  
Alan and Linda Harris