

ONE DAY AT A TIME

BEFORE JESUS CAME

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE NOT A CREATURE WAS PRAYING, NOT ONE IN THE HOUSE. THEIR BIBLES WERE LAIN ON THE SHELF WITHOUT CARE...IN HOPES THAT JESUS WOULD NOT COME THERE.

THE CHILDREN WERE DRESSING TO CRAWL INTO BED, NOT ONCE EVER KNEELING OR BOWING A HEAD. AND MOM IN HER ROCKER WITH BABY ON HER LAP WAS WATCHING THE LATE SHOW WHILE I TOOK A NAP. WHEN OUT OF THE EAST THERE AROSE SUCH A CLATTER, I SPRANG TO MY FEET TO SEE WHAT WAS THE MATTER. AWAY TO THE WINDOW I FLEW IN A FLASH TORE OPEN THE SHUTTERS AND THREW UP THE SASH! WHEN WHAT TO MY WONDERING EYES WHAT SHOULD APPEAR BUT ANGELS PROCLAIMING THAT **JESUS** WAS HERE. WITH A LIGHT LIKE THE SUN SENDING FORTH A BRIGHT RAY I KNEW IN A MOMENT THIS MUST BE THE DAY! THE LIGHT OF HIS FACE MADE ME COVER MY HEAD, IT WAS **JESUS** RETURNING JUST LIKE HE HAD SAID. AND THOUGH I POSSESSED WORLDLY WISDOM AND WEALTH, I CRIED WHEN I SAW HIM IN SPIITE OF MYSELF.

IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WHICH HE HELD IN HIS HAND WAS WRITTEN THE NAME OF EVERY SAVED MAN, HE SPOKE NOT A WORD AS HE SEARCHED FOR MY NAME; WHEN HE SAID "IT'S NOT HERE" MY HEAD HUNG IN SHAME. THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES HAD BEEN WRITTEN WITH LOVE HE GATHERED TO TAKE TO HIS FATHER ABOVE, WITH THOSE WHO WERE READY, HE ROSE WITHOUT A SOUND WHILE THE REST WERE LEFT STANDING AROUND.

I FELL TO MY KNEES, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE; I HAD WAITED TOO LONG AND THUS SEALED MY FATE. I STOOD AND I CRIED AS THEY ROSE OUT OF SIGHT, OH, IF ONLY I HAD BEEN READY TONIGHT.

IN THE WORDS OF THIS POEM, THE MEANING IS CLEAR,
THE COMING OF JESUS IS DRAWING NEAR.
THERE'S ONLY ONE LIFE AND WHEN COMES LAST CALL
WE'LL FIND THAT THE BIBLE WAS TRUE AFTER ALL!