

CHRISTMAS 2007

IN RICHLAND, AS I GAZE AFAR
AND VIEW THE FIELDS, THE SKY, THE STARS,
I MARVEL AT GOD'S MAJESTY,
YET KNOW HE CARES FOR YOU AND ME.

HIS SON, HE GAVE, OUR SOULS SET FREE,
THAT WE, WITH CHRIST, SHALL EVER BE.
TODAY, HIS LOVE WE CELEBRATE,
AND SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH KIN AND MATE.

WE THANK YOU LORD FOR ANSWERED PRAYER,
FOR HEALING LOVED ONES, AND FOR HAIR,
FOR BLESSINGS ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
AND FOR KNOWING, THAT YOU'RE NEAR.

'TIS NOT AN EASY THING, YOU KNOW
TO WRITE A POEM WITH WORDS AGLOW,
WITH THOUGHTS OF LOVE AND CHRISTMAS CHEER,
AND ALWAYS DO IT EVERY YEAR.

BUT HAVING ONCE, THE TASK BEGUN,
I CANNOT TURN AND SIMPLY RUN,
FOR THEN MY KIN WOULD SURELY SAY,
"HIS MIND THIS YEAR HAS GONE ASTRAY."

THE YEAR HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE
WITH TRAVELS AND WITH LOTS OF FUN.

THE D.R. WITH ITS MISSION SCHOOL
WAS LOOKING FOR A MAN WITH TOOL.
SO OFF, JIM MELLON WENT WITH "CREW",
THATS BETH, AND CHRIS, AND DEBBIE SUE.

THE MARSHALLS, OFF TO MAINE THEY WENT
WITH DREAMS OF FUTURE DAY,
BUT NOW THEY MUST REMAIN CONTENT
IN BREWSTER HOME TO STAY!

PERU, TO US, WAS FAR AWAY
'TIL JIM AND ELLIE WENT TO PLAY,
TO LOOK FOR INCA'S AND THEIR GOLD,
AND WHAT THEY FOUND WILL NE'ER BE TOLD!

BOTH BEV AND JOHN KEPT ON THE GO,
 THEIR CUSTOMERS TO THANK,
 AS BACK AND FORTH THEY WENT, YOU KNOW,
 FROM HOME - TO STORE -TO BANK.

TO DOVER CLIFFS WENT MOM AND DAD
 WITH JIM AND ELLIE TOO,
 BUT ENGLAND, THOUGH 'TIS MIGHTY GRAND
 IS NOT THE SAME AS "FATHERLAND".

OUR 'COPTER PILOT, JESS BY NAME,
 WOULD RATHER FLY THAN GO FOR FAME.
 TO COSTA RICA SHE'LL RETURN
 THAT OTHERS THERE GOD'S LOVE MAY LEARN.

DEAR KATE AND LISA, BLESS THEIR SOUL,
 HAVE MANY PATIENTS TO MAKE WHOLE,
 SO EVERY DAY THEY DO THEIR BEST
 AND WAIT FOR GOD TO DO THE REST.

THOUGH BILL AND JOHN KEEP STRUMMING ON
 WITH MUSIC BRIGHT AND GAY,
 THEY ALSO LABOR HARD AND LONG
 WITH LITTLE TIME TO PLAY.

BUT WHOA -
 AS NEIGHBOR GIRLS GO IN THE STORE
 TO ORDER FOOD, AND WAIT,
 THEY ALSO HOPE AND HOPE SOME MORE,
 THE VESPER BOYS TO DATE.

OUR LINGUIST SARAH, YOUNG AND FAIR
 WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL EVERYWHERE,
 BUT ALSO LIKES TO HAVE A GUIDE
 LIKE JEFF THE PILOT AT HER SIDE..

SO NOW, O LORD, OUR GOD SO NEAR
 HELP US IN THE COMING YEAR,
 HEAR US AS WE LIFT OUR PRAYER
 TO KNOW WE'RE ALWAYS, ALWAYS, IN YOUR CARE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE !