

Twas the day after Christmas
 And all through the house.
 Every creature was hurting, even the mouse
 The new toys were all broken, their batteries dead;
 Santa passed out, a bag of ice on his head!

Wrappings and ribbons just covered the floor,
 While upstairs the family continued to snore.
 And I in my T-shirt, new Ree-boks and jeans,
 Went into the kitchen and started to clean.

Out on the front lawn there arose such a clatter.
 I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the curtains, and raised up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror.
 The driver was smiling, so lively and grand;
 The patch on his jacket said "U.S. Postman."

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox.
 Then quickly he stuffed them into our mail box.

Bill after bill, after bill, they still came:
 Whistling and shouting he called them by name:
 "Now Dillards, now WalMart, on Penny's and Sears,
 Here's K-Mart, Sams Club, Target, and Geico for years.
 To the tip of your limit, every store, every mall,
 Now charge-a-way-charge-a-way-charge-a-way all!

He whopped and he whistled as he finished his work,
 Filled up the mail box, and then turned with a jerk.
 He sprang to his truck, and rove down the road,
 Driving much faster with just half a load.
 Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer,
 "Enjoy what you bought... You'll be paying all year!"

PEACE IS . . .

- *gazing at the stars with the knowledge that you know their Creator.*
- *closing your eyes in sleep without fear of tomorrow.*
- *the stillness in your heart when trouble swirls around you.*
- *a quiet mind in a raging world.*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value:

- Mend a quarrel*
- Dismiss suspicion,*
- And tell someone, "I love you."*
- Give something away – anonymously*
- Forgive someone who has treated you wrong.*
- Turn away wrath with a soft answer.*
- Visit someone in a nursing home.*
- Apologize if you were wrong.*
- Be especially kind to someone with who you work.*
- Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy.*



CARPE DIEM

January 2019

St. Mark 9:23

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