

# JOY TO THE WORLD

“Have we not all one Father?”  
An ancient prophet said.  
“Hath not one God created us?”  
Let us this gospel spread.

The baby Jesus hope did bring,  
Born of a virgin mother.  
His message powerful and strong:  
Be to each a brother.

So Christmas brings to one and all  
This calling from above:  
It doesn't matter where we're from,  
We share one Father Love.

Let Love therefore outreach your heart  
And one another greet:  
So let the joy of Christmas-time  
Enfold all those you meet.



It was the prophet Malachi who asked these questions (Malachi 2:10), and Jesus gave his clear and uncompromising support "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9). This statement of spiritual Truth is reiterated by all Christians when they start the Lord's prayer "Our Father", - yet do we accept the implications, - don't we rather find ourselves hugging on to our human parentage when in fact we are all united, everyone, no matter what creed / belief / location, by the central theme of the Bible: God is Father -Mother Love, and our parentage is therefore of that Love. So let us "be to each a brother" and sister and mother (Matthew 12:50). Let's see that Love "enfold all those you meet".

We also have this assurance: "Son, [all of us!] thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine" (Luke 15:31). What a marvellous Christmas present for the world, unwrapped and over-flowing!

## **Malachi 2:10 (to 2nd ?)**

Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?

## **Matthew 23:9**

And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

## **Matthew 12:50)**

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

## **Luke 15:31)**

And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.