

THIS CHRISTMAS TIME

Words and Music by Mark and Helen Johnson

1 In a cold stone church, under moon and stars,
People stand as the organ starts,
And the candles flicker into the dark, this Christmas time.

2 There's a child awake in her bed upstairs,
Snuggled up with her teddy bears,
As she thinks of presents she says her prayers, this Christmas time.

CHORUS *Merry Christmas to you, merry Christmas ev'rybody,
Here's to friends old and new and to this Christmas time.*

3 In a steamy kitchen a mother stands,
Peeling parsnips and boiling ham,
How she hopes the dinner will go to plan, this Christmas time.

4 In an empty street under cloudless skies,
Sits an old man with bundle tied,
And he huddles down for another night, this Christmas time.

CHORUS

*Here's to the message the angels sang,
Here's to the Saviour who came for all men,
Born for you and for me, for strangers and friends.*

5 There's a world still needing to hear good news,
More than presents and Christmas food.
May you find the love that God has for you, this Christmas time!

CHORUS

*Merry Christmas to you, merry Christmas ev'rybody,
Here's to friends old and new and to this Christmas time,
And to this Christmas time.*