



The Christmas Story

As Told By Food

The story began a long time ago
When an ANGEL told Mary how God would bestow
(Enjoy your angel cookies!)
His grace upon her to bear his own Son.
From this virgin was born the Anointed One.

A virgin with child? Now that sounded crazy.
Even Joseph did not believe his dear lady.
Mary seemed NUTS 'til the angel appeared
(Enjoy your peanut brittle!)
To Joseph with truth that he needed to hear.

So Joseph was glad and made Mary his wife.
He would father her child the rest of his life.
And before the birth, they all had to go
To Bethlehem and make their show.

Caesar demanded that everyone be
In their ancestors' town for his census decree.
Nazareth to Bethlehem was about 80 miles
There were ROCKY ROADS and many trials.
(Enjoy your rocky road fudge!)

Perhaps it was cold, perhaps there was SNOW,
(Enjoy your snowball cookies!)
And things would get worse when birth pains would grow.
Mary and Joseph could not find a place
To give birth to the baby, the child of grace.

So when Jesus was born, he was probably laid
On some HAY in a manger where the animals stayed.
(Enjoy your haystacks!)
Then shepherds with CANES came to look on the sight.
(Enjoy your candy cane!)
It was just as the angel described it that night.

Wise Men from the East started making their way
To see the new King, all the STARS seemed to say
(Enjoy your star brownies!)
That Messiah had come as the prophets foretold,
So they brought gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and GOLD.
(Enjoy your chocolate gold coins!)

The child was called Jesus, which means "God saves."
He was God's special gift to a world enslaved.
He was fully man and yet fully DIVINE
(Enjoy your divinity!)
Sent to save us from sin through God's loving design.

Strangely enough, he was born to die
To set us right with God Most High.
Though he had no sin, he bore our shame
That a place in heaven we could claim!



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