

CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

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- 1 1. Fast circling on, from zone to zone, —
 Bright, blest, afar, —
- 3 O'er the grim night of chaos shone
 One lone, brave star.
- 6 2. In tender mercy, Spirit sped
 A loyal ray
 To rouse the living, wake the dead,
 And point the Way —
- 9 3. The Christ-idea, God anoints —
 Of Truth and Life;
 The Way in Science He appoints,
12 That stills all strife.
- 15 4. What the Beloved knew and taught,
 Science repeats,
 Through understanding, dearly sought,
 With fierce heart-beats;
- 18 5. Thus Christ, eternal and divine,
 To celebrate
 As Truth demands, — this living Vine
 Ye demonstrate.
- 21 6. For heaven's *Christus*, earthly Eves,
 By Adam bid,
 Make merriment on Christmas eves,
24 O'er babe and crib.
- 27 7. Yet wherefore signalize the birth
 Of him ne'er born?
 What can rehearse the glorious worth
 Of his high morn?

- 30 8. Christ was not crucified — that doom
Was Jesus' part;
For Sharon's rose must bud and bloom
In human heart. *
- 33 9. Forever present, bounteous, free,
Christ comes in gloom;
And aye, with grace towards you and me,
36 For health makes room.
- 39 10. Thus olden faith's pale star now blends
In seven-hued white!
Life, without birth and without end,
Emitting light!
- 42 11. The Way, the Truth, the Life — His word —
Are here, and now
Christ's silent healing, heaven heard,
Crowns the pale brow.
- 45 12. For Christian Science brings to view
The great I Am, —
Omniscient power, — gleaming through
48 Mind, mother, man.
- 51 13. As in blest Palestina's hour,
So in our age,
'T is the same hand unfolds His power,
And writes the page.
- 54 14. To-day, as oft, away from sin
Christ summons thee!
Truth pleads to-night: Just take Me in!
No mass for Me!
- 57 15. No blight, no broken wing, no moan,
Truth's fane can dim;
Eternal swells Christ's music-tone,
60 In heaven's hymn.
- * *"God was manifest in the flesh." — St. Paul.*