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CHRISTMAS GREETING, 1940

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PRAYER FOR A DARK CHRISTMAS

Christ-child, a little time ago Your fable
Seemed foolish to our world, so rich, so wise—
The cross—the scourge—the scared men in the stable,
The wicked kings with madness in their eyes;

But now we know that all Your old wild story
Of dooms, of slaughtered innocents, was true:
Was there not also some strange word of glory,
Of peace you brought, of certainties you knew?

We had forgotten stars for bright words gliding,
For Pride we had forgotten Love and Pain. . . .
They fell, our little painted towers of hiding.
We hid from You. Oh, find us once again!

For now our world is dark as that You knew,
Your doubted Star is all that shines above
The flying silver deathwings. Still are You,
And still is our denied poor need of Love:

No more than at Your birthday earth is light;
See, we let fall the silly pride, the jest;
Come in our hearts and throw away the night;
Come in our souls and let them know Your rest.

Margaret Wickham

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