

SONG OF THE STARS

A CHRISTMAS STORY



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All the stars joined together
in a chorus that rang out through the heavens...
“The Bright and Morning Star!”





Heaven's Son
sleeping
under the
stars that
he made.

12 How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of the dawn!

- Isaiah 14:12

16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and *the bright Morning Star.*”

- *Revelation 22:16*

17 Hide not your face from your servant;
for I am in distress...”

- Psalm 69:17

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his **star** when it rose and have come to worship him."

- Matthew 2:1-2

*Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight*

-Phillips Brooks 1874

2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

- Micah 5:2

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, “Cursed are you
above all livestock and all wild animals! You will
crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the
days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the
woman, and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head, and you will strike his
heel.”

- Genesis 3:14-15

1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and *all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*”

- Genesis 12:1-3

10 *The scepter will not depart from Judah*, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

- Genesis 49:10

16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.' ”

- 2 Samuel 7:16

1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the
Messiah the son of David, the son of
Abraham:

- Matthew 1:1

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

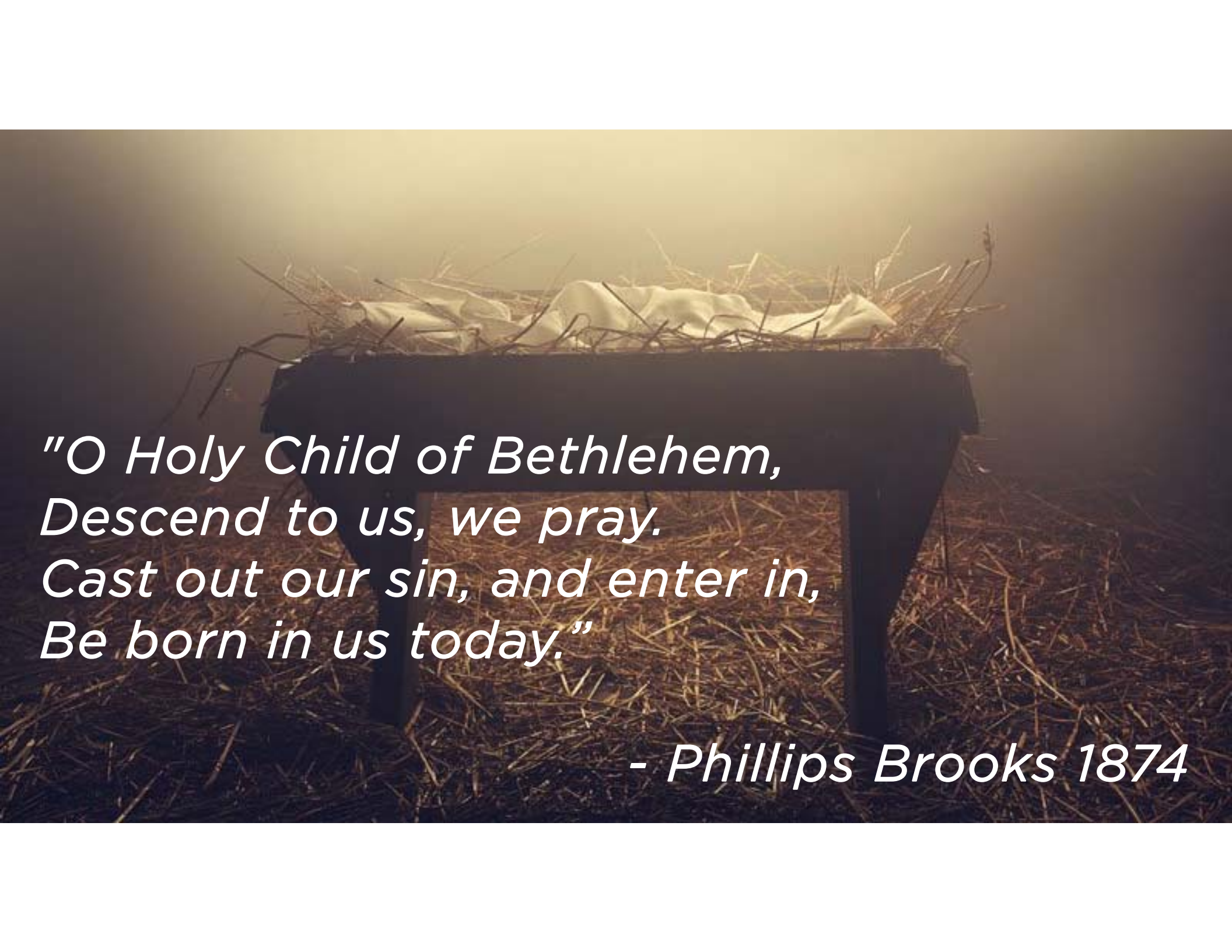
- Luke 2:14



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The Message of Christmas

*The child of God became human,
So that humans might become
Children of God.*

A photograph of a nativity scene. In the center is a dark wooden manger resting on a thick bed of dry straw. Inside the manger, a white cloth is draped over some straw. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light that creates a soft, hazy atmosphere. The background is dark and indistinct.

*"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today."*

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