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Reminders

“These foolish things remind me of you.”

Marvin Hamlisch, These foolish things (1935)

With so much to do, we need reminding of the meaning of Christmas ...

*I remember the story I heard long ago
In innocent childhood, believing it; so
Amazingly different; as clear as a bell –
O yes, I remember it well.*

*I remember the story shared often since then,
Through frequent reminders, again and again;
Those great Bible stories; their meaning so clear –
O yes, I remember each year.*

*I remember the story - traditional words;
Familiar old carols; I never was bored
With shepherds, and angels who came from above –
O yes, I remember with love.*

*I remember the story – the manger; the babe;
Three wise-men who travelled; the gifts that they gave;
The wonder enshrined in the Bethlehem boy –
O yes, I remember with joy.*

*I remember the story – but what does it mean
To me now I’m hearing it over again?
Will it have an impact; a message, or not?
O yes, I remember – so what?*

*I remember the story – so now I must search
To know it’s as fresh as I found it at first;
To feel the excitement, the mystery too.
O yes, I remember – it’s new!*

*I remember the story – but not from the past;
It’s modern; still topical; with us to last.
So come now – discover a meaning that’s new.
O yes, I remember ... Will you?*

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A prayer for today

Lord, remind me of the reason for the season, your love coming close for me. Amen

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