

# The True Meaning of Christmas

C stands for Christ. If we leave him out of Christmas  
it is like celebrating a wedding without the groom.

H stands for the hope he gives us -  
hope of a life without end.

R stands for the revolution he began:  
turning hate to love, war to peace,  
and everyone into everyone's neighbour.

I stands for Israel, the land where he was born,  
But it also stands for me,  
For Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem,  
But it would all be in vain unless he is born in me.

S stands for the salvation he brought:  
Those who lived in darkness saw a great light.

T stands for thanks - thanks to the Father for the gift of his Son  
The best way to say thanks  
Is to make room for him in our hearts.

M stands for Mary who brought him to birth,  
She will help to bring him to birth in us also.

A stands for the angels who at his birth sang:  
'Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people of earth'  
It was the sweetest music ever heard on earth.

S stands for the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem  
Now Christ is the star we follow.  
His light will guide us through the night  
Until the sun of eternal day dawns upon us.

