

# THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

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The Christmas spirit  
is that hope  
    which tenaciously clings  
        to the hearts of the faithful  
and announces  
in the face  
    of any Herod the world can produce  
    and all the inn doors slammed in our faces,  
    and all the dark nights of our souls  
that with God  
    all things still are possible,  
that even now  
unto us  
    a Child is born!

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