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If we're willing to go beyond the superficiality
and sentimentality of the season, we might
find our neighbors are **longing** for something
we can offer them.

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Someday at Christmas (Stevie Wonder)

Someday at Christmas men won't be boys
Playing with **bombs** like kids play with toys

One warm December our hearts will see

A world where men are free

Someday at Christmas there'll be no **wars**

When we have learned what Christmas is for

When we have found what life's really worth

There'll be peace on earth

Someday at Christmas we'll see a land

With no **hungry children**, no **empty hand**

One happy morning people will share

Our world where people care



Joy to the World

No more let **sins** and **sorrows** grow,
Nor **thorns** infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.



O, Holy Night

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and **His gospel is peace.**
Chains shall He break for the **slave** is our brother;
And in His name **all oppression shall cease.**
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of **peace there will be no end**, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6–7

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⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who **brings good news**, who **publishes peace**, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "**Your God reigns.**"

Isaiah 52:7

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⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ **Break forth together into singing**, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has **redeemed Jerusalem**.

Isaiah 52:8–9

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¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the **salvation of our God**.

Isaiah 52:10

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¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul **he shall see** and **be satisfied**; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be **accounted righteous**, and he shall **bear their iniquities**.

Isaiah 53:11

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⁹ “This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I **will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.** ¹⁰ For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but **my steadfast love shall not depart from you,** and my **covenant of peace** shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:9–10

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"Come, **everyone who thirsts**, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and **delight yourselves in rich food**.

Isaiah 55:1–2

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“**gospel of peace**” with their words and
their lives.



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