



The Gift God Gave

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Jesus Is the Reason

Verse

You can deck the halls with boughs of holly
Build a little snowman looking cute and jolly
Sing the old carols by the fire's warm glow
But do not forget the One who came so long ago

Pre-Chorus

All the lights and laughter and the joy we are feeling
Point us back to what is real and

Chorus

Yes Jesus is the reason we have for this season
Jesus is the reason we have for believing
Jesus is the reason our sins are forgiven
Jesus is the reason for the season

Verse

There are people who feel lonely this time of year
Trying hard to make it through another tear
All their worries feel too heavy to bear
But there is a Savior who meets them right there

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Jesus Is the Reason Part 2

Pre-Chorus

If you are tired and feeling broken-hearted
Lift your eyes because hope is where He started

Chorus

Yes Jesus is the reason we have for this season
Jesus is the reason we have for believing
Jesus is the reason our sins are forgiven
Jesus is the reason for the season

Verse

Gather all your family and let the laughter ring
Set the Christmas lights for everyone to see
Sit together by the warm pine tree
And thank the Lord for love and memories

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing and every breath we are breathing
Comes from Him who gave the greatest reason

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Jesus Is the Reason Part 3

Chorus

Yes Jesus is the reason we have for this season
Jesus is the reason we have for believing
Jesus is the reason our sins are forgiven
Jesus is the reason for the season

Bridge

From a manger to the cross He came to save
Love wrapped up in a gift He freely gave
Every Christmas let our hearts remember
His light shines brighter than the brightest ember

Outro

When the snow is falling and the bells are ringing
Keep His name at the center of the songs you are singing
All the joy we have is because He is living
Yes Jesus is the reason...
Jesus is the reason

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About the Song:

Most of the lyrics were written by my father Danny L Brooks. I used his lyrics and expanded the song a bit and structured it. The song is a joyful, gentle reminder that Christmas is not about the decorations, gifts, or even family traditions alone; it is about Jesus, the true center of the season. The song lovingly redirects holiday cheer back to the manger, the cross, and the living Savior who brings forgiveness, hope to the lonely, and the only reason we can truly celebrate.

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Scripture Focus:

Luke 2:11 - "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Supporting Verses:

- Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born... and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (The joy and lights point to Him)
- Matthew 1:21 - "He will save his people from their sins." (The reason our sins are forgiven)
- John 3:16 - "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." (The greatest gift freely given)
- John 1:4-5 - "In him was life... The light shines in the darkness." (His light brighter than any ember)
- Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary... and I will give you rest." (Hope for the lonely and broken-hearted)

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Snow In Louisiana

Verse

Down here by the bayou Christmas lights on every tree
Mama's cookin' up pralines, Daddy's stirring sweet iced tea
Kids are runnin' barefoot though the calendar says "snow"
And I'm wishin' just one flurry might decide to fall below

Pre-Chorus

But that cold front hit the state line
And the weatherman done lost his mind...

Chorus

Now we got snow in Louisiana Lord what a sight to see!
Gators look confused and Grandma slipped by the pecan tree
Thought I wanted winter magic thought a snow day sounded fine...
But now we're stuck inside and prayin'
"Jesus send back that sunshine!"

Verse

No boats on the river cause the docks are iced in tight
Can't get to Christmas service 'cause the roads closed overnight
Uncle Joe's big gumbo froze solid in the Lodge
And the catfish ain't bitin' even they said "man it's cold outside!"

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Snow In Louisiana Part 2

Pre-Chorus

Now the neighbors all are stranded

This ain't how we planned it...

Chorus

Snow in Louisiana never thought I'd see the day

Po'boys turned to popsicles out on Grandma's porch buffet

Thought a little Christmas snowfall might be somethin' kinda sweet...

But now I'm beggin' heaven

"Lord bring back that southern heat!"

Bridge

We don't know how to drive in this

We don't know how to walk in this

Crawfish crawled back underground they said "Nope we're done with this!"

My neighbor's makin' snow angels... wearin' flip-flops on his feet

This winter wonderland

Ain't built for Cajun folk like me!

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Snow In Louisiana Part 3

Chorus Final

Snow in Louisiana yeah it sounded good in dreams

Till the power lines start freezin' and the pipes begin to scream

Now we're huddled 'round the fireplace shakin' like a tambourine...

Lord we learned our lesson

Let the snow stay up in Tennessee!

Outro

So next year I'll be grateful

For warm nights and Mardi Gras moons...

'Cause Christmas down in Louisiana

Ain't meant for winter storms in bloom

About The Song

This song is made in fun just from a memory of the last time it snowed in Louisiana. I wanted to do something to honor where I'm from. Making a little fun of the stereotypes about things in Louisiana and just how even though we want a white Christmas, when it came, it was great..... for about 30 minutes. Then reality hit that down here we have no clue how to handle it.

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Verse 1

On a still and silent evening under Bethlehem starlight
Heaven's promise touched the earth and hope was born that night
For God so loved the world He gave His only Son
The greatest gift in all of time the holy chosen One

Verse 2

Wrapped in swaddling mercy in a humble manger bed
Angels sang His glory while the shepherds bowed their heads
For every heart in darkness a shining Light He gave
A Savior sent to rescue us with power strong to save

Pre-Chorus

Oh the wonders of His kindness
Oh the love that made a way
From heaven's throne to our lowly home
He came to us that day

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The Gift God Gave Part 2

Chorus

This is the gift God gave
Grace that never fades
Peace for every burdened soul
Love no fear can take away
Hope that lights the coldest night
Joy the world could never buy
All wrapped in Jesus on that day
The gift God gave

Verse 3

He healed the brokenhearted gave the weary ones their rest
He welcomed every wanderer and held the small and blessed
He taught us truth and mercy showed us how to walk His way
And offered life eternal for all who trust His name

Pre-Chorus

Oh the wonders of His kindness
Oh the promise still remains
From manger straw to Calvary's cross
He loved us just the same



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Bridge

So let the carols find us
With their softly shining truth
For every gift beneath the tree
Points us back to You
Emmanuel among us
God's promise come to stay
We celebrate the wonder
Of the gifts He gave that day

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The Gift God Gave Part 4

Outro

This is the gift God gave
Mercy made to save
Light that breaks our darkest hour
Strength to stand by faith
And as we lift our hearts tonight
We thank Him as we pray
For Jesus is the greatest gift
The gift God gave that day

About The Song:

I once had the privilege of speaking at church about "The Gifts of Christmas." The primary part of it was about The gifts that god gives to us. That was the inspiration for this song. I simply wanted to recognize and appreciate the amazing gift that God has given to us all.

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The Gift God Gave-Bible References

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

("He gave His only Son...") - V1

Luke 2:1-20 - Birth of Jesus, shepherds, manger, angels proclaiming His coming

("Silent evening... hope was born"; "swaddling mercy... manger bed") - V1-2

Isaiah 9:6 - "For unto us a Child is born... and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God..."

("Light He gave"; "He came to us that day"; "Emmanuel among us") - V2, Pre-Chorus, Bridge

John 8:12 - "I am the Light of the world..."

("Shining Light... Hope that lights the coldest night") - V2, Chorus

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

("Healed the brokenhearted... rest for the weary"; "peace for every burdened soul") - V3, Chorus

John 14:27 - "My peace I give to you... not as the world gives."

("Peace for every burdened soul") - Chorus

Romans 6:23 - "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

("Life eternal... greatest gift God gave") - V3, Chorus, Final Chorus

John 1:14 - "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."

("He came to us... Word made flesh"; "Emmanuel among us") - Pre-Chorus, Bridge, Final Chorus

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On That Holy Winter Morning

Verse 1

In the quiet of the Temple on a cold Jerusalem morn
An old man whispered prayers for the Child the world had longed for
The Spirit said "You'll see Him
Before your journey's done"
So he waited through the winter
For the Father's promised Son

Pre-Chorus

Then Mary stepped inside and the room began to shine
For the Hope of all creation had arrived at just the time

Chorus

Simeon held the Christ Child in his trembling grateful arms
Said "My eyes behold salvation
Heaven's Light has pierced the dark"
A Christmas gift from glory
For the lost and weary hearts
Joy came down that holy day
When he saw the Lord of all

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On That Holy Winter Morning Part 2

Verse 2

Near the columns of the courtyard stood a widow worn and kind
Years of fasting years of longing but her faith had stayed alive
Anna saw the Baby Jesus and her sorrow turned to praise
For the long-awaited Shepherd
Had been born on Christmas Day

Pre-Chorus

She ran to tell the waiting "Lift your eyes the King is here
God has kept His every promise every prayer through every year!"

Chorus

Anna spread the good news of the newborn Holy King
Said "Rejoice the Lord has come
Let the weary hearts now sing!"
The Mercy wrapped in swaddling
Sent to heal and save us all
Heaven's love in human form
Hope that's strong enough for all

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On That Holy Winter Morning Part 3

Bridge

Two faithful hearts two aging souls
Still believing through the night
Till the Child of God appeared to them
The first to see the Light
For the Promise they'd been praying for
Was the precious Lamb of God
Born to bring salvation near
Born to lead us back to love

Outro

Simeon blessed the future Anna called the people near
For the Baby born in Bethlehem
Had chased away their fear
Light for every nation
Hope the darkness can't deny
A Christmas gift of endless grace
Jesus Christ the Holy Light

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About: On That Holy Winter Morning

The Story of Simeon and Anna

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph brought Him to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as the Law required. In that sacred place waited a righteous and devout man named Simeon, who had spent his life longing for the Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die before seeing the Christ with his own eyes.

The moment Mary and Joseph entered with the infant Jesus, Simeon knew. His heart stirred, and he took the Child into his arms, praising God and declaring that this was the salvation promised to Israel and a Light to the whole world. In that quiet moment, a lifetime of waiting was fulfilled.

Nearby was Anna, an elderly prophetess who had worshiped in the Temple for decades, fasting and praying day and night. When she saw Jesus, she immediately gave thanks to God and began telling everyone who longed for redemption that the Savior had come.

In their faithfulness and joy, Simeon and Anna became the first to proclaim the newborn Christ in the Temple, recognizing what many could not see—that the tiny Child in Mary's arms was the promised Light and Hope of all nations.

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References: On That Holy Winter Morning

Luke 2:25-26 — Simeon promised to see the Messiah (“The Spirit said, ‘You’ll see Him...’; ‘An old man whispered prayers...’) - V1

Luke 2:27-28 — Simeon meets Jesus in the Temple (“Mary walked inside and the room began to shine”; “Simeon held the Christ Child...”) - Pre, Chorus

Luke 2:29-32 — Simeon’s prophecy of salvation (“My eyes behold salvation... Light has pierced the dark”) - Chorus, Final Chorus

Luke 2:36-37 — Anna’s years of faithfulness (“A widow, worn yet strong... Years of fasting... hope kept holding on”) - V2

Luke 2:38 — Anna proclaims the Messiah (“Anna spread the good news... Rejoice, the Lord has come”) - Chorus 2

Isaiah 9:2 — Light shines in the darkness (“The first to see the Light”; “Light has pierced the dark”) - Bridge, Chorus

Isaiah 9:6 — Unto us a Child is born (“Father’s promised Son”; “Precious Lamb of God... redemption near”) - V1, Bridge

Micah 5:2 — Born in Bethlehem (“Baby born in Bethlehem... chased away their fear”) - Final Chorus

John 1:4-5 — His Light overcomes darkness (“Hope the darkness can’t ignore”; “Light has pierced the dark”) - Chorus, Final Chorus

John 1:14 — The Word became flesh (“Heaven’s love in human form”; “Born to lead us back to love”) - Chorus 2, Bridge

Luke 2:10-11 — Good news of great joy (“Rejoice, the Lord has come”; “Joy came down to meet the world”) - Chorus, Chorus 2

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Production Notes

Equipment: Audio Interface: SSL18

Microphones: Shure SM7b, Shure SM57, Rode NT1, SE SE8, Sennheiser E609

Guitars and Bass: Fender Vintera and American Deluxe Stratocasters, Epiphone 1959 Limited Edition, Les Paul, Gretsch Electromatic G5655TG, Squier Classic Vibes Jazz Master Bass

Amps and Effects: Neural DSP Quad Cortex, IK Multimedia Tonex Pedal, Strymon Big Sky MX, Eventide H90, JHS Morning Glory, JHS Color Box, JHS @+, JHS Notaklon, JHS Hard Drive, Keeley MK3 Driver, KingTone MinFuzz V2, Kingtone Duelist, Browne Amps Protein, Silktone Fuzz, UA Max, UA Dream 65, UA Lion, UA Anti, UA Enigmatic, UA Starlight, UA Golden

Keyboards: M-audio Keystation61 MK3

Monitors: IK Multimedia Precision MTM

Headphones: Sennhieser HD650, Steven Slate Audio VSX

Software:

Daw:Apple Logic Pro

Plug Ins: Antares Auto Tune Pro Suite, Blackstar St. James and JJN, Izotope (Nectar 4, Neutron5, Ozone 11), Neural DSP (Plini X, Cory Wong X, Fortin Nameless, Tom Morello X, Gojira, Slo100, Tone King Imperial), Sonible Smart Suite, SSL Suite, UA Spark plugins, Waves Curves AQ, IK Multimedia Studio Suite

Drum Emulation: Toon Track Ez Drummer 3, IK Multimedia MODO Drums

Mastering: Landr Pro



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