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Poetry

1 OWNED AN INN In the town of Bethlehem I can see it yet: owned a rooming house But-I wish I could forget.

gentle knock upon my door. Now-if I had only have known; May time erase from Memory This little inn I owned.
Nay — Nay — I'm sorry sir. There is not a single bed Good night-sir-good night

But he didn't turn away, And in a voice so mild: Please-oh, please sir, for My wife may have her child. My heart it ached for that poor man

But I didn't hear Him say There is no more room—I'm sorry But-yet he didn't turn away.

Then I thought of my little barn, Down and across the way: I then showed them the manger That was now filled with hay. Soon the shopherds knocked Asking the shortest way Where a king was being born In a manger on some hay.

A bright star was overhead, Bright lights were everywhere; The song-peace be on earth Then I wished that I was dead We then hurried to the barn, Lo-and my soul it froze. For lying in the manger there A Babe-in swadling clothes.

A happy smile on her face Starlight on her hair: The little babe's Mother So meek—so bright—so fair. Unhappy me—but he didn't say For if I had only known: I would not have the control of the

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The agonizing days were over, Their loved ones-waiting they feel: A stark and grizzly drama Oh-

Was so very real.

The waiting arms of their loved Alas-Fell empty apart:

Their hopes long they had cherished Fell upon their broken hearts.

Long they had awaited a message. And watched the long, long night

through; Hope it seemed to desert them

As stark facts upon them grew.

Cold-cold was the last kiss,

years; And the grieving and the agony And the coffin bathed in tears

Death it is ever near us, it Lingers in the petal of every flower: To the Heavens they had ascend-

Wrought by His Eternal Power.

Prayers and sorrows will be answered.

When comes that final day: They will stand before the Master

Their tears will be washed away. C.J.H.

THE EARTH

How beautiful is the earth! Dancing on her tip toes, Spinning around the sun. Never leaving her course, Always keeping time to The music from the twinkling stars.

How beautiful is the earth! All dressed in blue and green, And white snow cap Covered with a coat of air, And clouds sewn in for a Soft thin lining.

How beautiful is the earth! Whose figure is complete. She dips, swerves with many curves.

Never making one mistake. Her smooth surface becomes

All together to make perfect. How beautiful is the earth!

Who holds us all, Oh God, I pray, Do not let anyone destroy Or ruin her figure. And never let ber die or fall

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