

Christmas Greeting from Manitoba, Canada 2019

And He Was Subject to Them

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O God, you smeared the dawn with scarlet streaks
And peopled azure skies with white-wool flocks;
You combed and primped the spruce tree's verdant locks;
You crowned with white the wave and mountain peaks.
You daubed the chirping sparrow's scarlet vest
And inked the night-black feathers of the crow;
You wrought the lacy flakes of sift-soft snow;
You charged with life the egg-brood in the nest.

You forged the fire-finned bolts that scorch the sky;
You wrenched from the blazing belly of the sun
The whirling, wheeling worlds, which your hand spun
Across the void to nigh infinity.
And then for thirty years at Nazareth hid
You hammered nails and sawed at Joseph's bid.

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has visited his people Luke 1:69

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas be with you and family always!

"The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she 'groans in travail' (Rom 8:22. We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and receive life and refreshment from her waters."

Pope Francis – from his encyclical letter on the Environment- "Laudato Si"

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