

## **Song Correction**

The add-a-verse-per-week version of the Advent Song, **Rejoice, give thanks**, in *We Can Be Messengers* should read as follows:

### **Advent 1**     (Sing Refrain and verse 1)

**REFRAIN: Rejoice, give thanks, for God is near us,  
loving, true, and kind,  
and the peace of God in Jesus Christ  
will guard our heart and mind.**

Turn on the porch-light,  
dazzle the dark night.

God is coming soon.

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through someone, somehow,

next year, here and now,

midnight, morning, noon.

So don't be tempted or distracted  
by the daily grind,  
and the peace of God in Jesus Christ  
will guard our heart and mind.

See Luke 21:25-36 (be alert, v. 36), and 1 Thessalonians 3:13.

The last two lines of the refrain are based on Philippians 4:4-7 (Advent 3). Compare Psalm 25:1-10 (trust in God).

### **Advent 2**     (Sing Refrain and verses 1 & 2)

Just like a snow-plow,

scraping the road now,

prophets clear the way.

Prophets clear away

our shame and sadness,

blame and busyness,

calling us to pray.

In love's great furnace, we'll be burnished,  
rescued and refined,  
and the peace of God in Jesus Christ  
will guard our heart and mind.

See Malachi 3:1-4 (in love's great furnace/prophets clear away...), Luke 1:68-79 (John the Baptist will clear the way for Christ), Luke 3:1-6 (ditto).

### **Advent 3**     (Sing Refrain and verses 2 and 3)

Here is a news-break

healing our heart-ache:

Christ will bring us home!

Christ will bring us home,

where no-one's outcast,

and we'll have at last  
freedom and shalom,  
In hope we're living, let thanksgiving  
all our fears unwind,  
and the peace of God in Jesus Christ  
will guard our heart and mind.

See Zephaniah 3:14-20 ("I will bring you home"), and Isaiah 12:2-6 (In hope we're living).

**Advent 4** (Sing Refrain and 3 and 4)

Born in a stable,  
straw for a cradle,  
now the baby cries.  
And this baby's cries  
bring down the tyrant,  
break the arrogant,  
sifting truth from lies.  
Rejoice! The hungry shall have plenty,  
all who seek will find,  
and the peace of God in Jesus Christ  
will guard our heart and mind.

See Micah 5:-2-5a (from Bethlehem comes a peace-bringer), and Luke 1:47-55 (a baby's cries bring down the tyrant, break the arrogant).

**Christmas** (Sing Refrain and verses 3, 4 and 5)

Thousands of angels  
stand in the heavens  
singing, "Christ is born!  
Jesus Christ is born,  
and death is outdone,  
evil overcome.  
Never be forlorn!"  
In hope we're living, let thanksgiving  
all our fears unwind,  
and the peace of God in Jesus Christ  
will guard our heart and mind.

See Titus 2:11-14, (God is near us) and Luke 2:1-20 (the angel song).

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