



DIY tags

LET *Him* IN

THE INNKEEPER'S KEY

"Mary and Joseph had come to stay
But each lodging place turned them away.
At the last place they tried, still no room at all
Except for a simple hay-filled stall.
Thanks to one man's kindness to those needy strangers
Jesus' life began, safe in a lowly manger.
This innkeeper's key is a symbol of
How a simple act fills the world with love.
Keep this key, and remember God's love is the reason
We are filled with blessings each Christmas season."*

But wait, is that enough -
Just keep the key to remember the reason for the season?
Rather, shouldn't we keep the key - yes
Keep it where we might always be able to see -
For the sad, the lonely, the ill and bereaved
Have no certain season to show forth their need.
We have a key like the Innkeeper did.
Jesus gave each of us one when he said
Love one another as I have loved you.

Imagine keys being used all over the world
Opening the hearts of men like
Endless waves of clear water hitting against the shore
Till acts of love and service permeate the entire earth.
Why not turn your key and let him in.

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LET *Him* IN

Lyrics by Michael McLean

I am a man forgotten, no one recalls my name.
Thousand of years will fail to fully erase my shame,
but I turned a profit nicely that day that I turned the couple away.
I turned them away.

I didn't sleep that evening though I'd sold out my place.
Somehow I felt uneasy, something about her face.
Why did I wish that I'd let them stay?
I don't think they could have paid or could they have paid?

Restless I left my bedroom, I walked the streets all night.
Lost in the world I lived in, found by a heav'nly light,
starring at one bright star in the sky I heard a baby cry.

I knew where that cry had come from 'cause I'd told them where they could go,
but I didn't think I could face them.
So I walked slowly home, missing my chance to share in their joy, I never saw the boy.

He never would condemn me, I did that all on my own.
He offered his forgiveness and ever since then I've known.
He lets us choose each hour of each day if we'll let him in to stay,
let him in, let him in, let the joy and hope begin.

Let him in, let him in, let the peace on earth begin.
and whether it be in your world today or a crowded Bethlehem Inn,
find a way, make him room, let him in, let him in, let the joy and hope begin.

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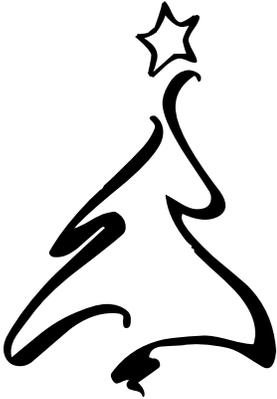
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This key is a special symbol to let Him in.

HANG THE KEY OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND IT TELLS THE SAVIOR YOU'D LIKE HIM TO COME INTO YOUR HOME. USE IT ALL YEAR LONG WHENEVER YOU NEED CHRIST NEAR.



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