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Bells were ringing. Townspeople were singing. And colorful lights were alighting a sky most inviting.

There was excitement in the air, for Christmas was near!

A bright star brought hope in the night for peace and goodwill. Good cheer brought carolers in song, and dreams of ordinary men, women, and children resounded in the wind.

...And then, in the town square, a new and interesting voice embraced seasonal passions. Through the magic of a lone musician's artful instrument and creative pitch came a catchy greeting to 'Have A Very Happy Holiday!'

“Make yourself a promise that you’ll Have A Very Happy Holiday! Plan a party, have a good time with your friends from near or far away!” the man sang. [\[Listen\]](#)

“Wrap up all your presents. Trim the tree, the lights – make them aglow. Let yourself go! And Have A Very Happy Holiday!...”

The man continued singing the song, and soon a crowd of passersby joined in the merriment. Among them was a group of young carolers, and the musician quickly noticed the energy and excitement they brought to their singing.

“You seem to enjoy this rendition!” he called out to them. “You’re making this simple musician very happy! For many years I have longed for such an audience!”

“Simple musician, indeed!” replied a caroler named Crystal. “The song is beautiful!”

“It’s so nice to be able to sing a new song for the holidays!” exclaimed Timothy, another caroler.

And then Mary, also a member of the group, suggested that they sing *‘Have A Very Happy Holiday’* during the holidays this year.

“Oh, you would flatter me so much if you did that,” said the musician. “I’m glad you like it.”

He introduced himself as Joe.

“Pleased to meet you, Joe,” Timothy and the others replied.

“We love traditional Christmas songs,” Crystal told Joe.

“But we enjoy singing some newer, different songs sometimes.”

“Do you have any of your own songs, Joe?” Mary asked.

“Yes, I do!” Joe replied. “I’ve actually written hundreds of songs over the years, including a few dozen Christmas songs. *‘Have A Very Happy Holiday’* is just one of them. I would absolutely love to share my music with the world. In fact, that’s my Christmas dream – to share my music with the world... but there’s little time left before Christmas, and I am afraid very few people will hear my songs this year. I just do not know how to reach people.”

“That would be too bad,” said John, another member of the caroling group. “That would be sad if people didn’t hear your songs, Joe.”

“Can we hear more?” Crystal asked. “I’m sure your songs must be beautiful!”

The other members of the crowd joined in asking Joe to play his songs.

Encouraged by his enthusiastic audience, Joe began conjuring sounds like magic from his keyboard, and – with great excitement in his voice – started singing a song called *'I Love Christmas'*.

"I Love Christmas!" he sang. *"It's the very best time of the year. I Love Christmas! Everybody sings songs of cheer..."* [\[Listen\]](#)

As he continued through the song, his new friends rocked and swayed gently to the beat of the music, joining in with a rousing "I Love Christmas!" each time the phrase came up in the song.

They all had great fun, as Joe broke into performances of song after original song...

One was *'Candy Cane Street'*...

"Jingle bells are jinglin' all the way, I've got a red and white striped suit, what do you say? It's time to start givin' love away. On Candy Cane Street, life's a holiday..." [\[Listen\]](#)

With gusto, the group joined Joe in singing more of his uniquely original Christmas songs. *'It's Christmas'* [\[Listen\]](#) was followed by *'Merry Christmas'* [\[Listen\]](#), *'In The Town Of Bethlehem'* [\[Listen\]](#), *'Happy Birthday, Jesus'* [\[Listen\]](#), *'Memories Of Christmas'* [\[Listen\]](#) and others until it was time for everyone to go home.

Joe said he enjoyed himself so much that he wanted to share more of his music with them, but he would not be back in town for a week – until Christmas Day. They made arrangements to meet again at noon on Christmas in the town square – at which time Joe promised to share an extra special song.

It was obvious the carolers liked Joe. He was fun to be around. Before they all departed, Crystal asked Joe if he had copies of the lyrics for the songs they had just sung. She and the other carolers wanted to know if they could sing his songs while they caroled throughout the town. Joe was flattered, and he eagerly pulled out copies of his lyric sheets from his portfolio.

“It’s hard to hear words that are buried in folders,” he lamented, reflecting upon the many years that much of his music had sat silent, awaiting an audience.

“Thanks so much, everybody!” Joe said. “Enjoy the music, and have a very happy holiday! See you on Christmas Day!”

“See you, Joe!” his friends replied, as they wandered off to spread music throughout the town.

Joe cheerfully gathered his keyboard and his portfolio, and – his spirits soaring – made his way home, satisfied that he had enjoyed a good time with new friends.

Little did Joe know, though, that his new friends were far from satisfied. The night wind had swept them to a new state-of-mind. The carolers quickly realized – in their brief exposure to Joe – that their world had changed. His music had infiltrated their minds and opened their hearts and souls to great warmth and to exciting new possibilities.

They realized, too, that Joe's music was a gift, and that his Christmas dream – to share his music with the world – was now their dream, too. They decided they would become Joe's angels, his ambassadors of goodwill.

So they caroled into the night, singing from house to house, each night through Christmas Eve. Joe's lyrics soon became the magic words that poured from their hearts through the town.

And, like Joe had for them [[Listen](#)], they sang *'In The Town Of Bethlehem'* for others – for friends and for strangers.

"In The Town Of Bethlehem..." their voices rose in song, *"Jesus Christ was born in a lowly manger, in a world so torn. Angels all around were singing, Peace to all on Earth. Shepherds came to honor His birth..."*

And the words of song from the carolers then passed from those who had heard them to those who would hear them. Again and again, song after song traveled throughout the town and from one town to another, to yet another.

“Such beautiful music!” “NEW music!” “Original!”
“New Christmas music, how nice!” people would say and then let their friends know about Joe and his songs.

Simple word-of-mouth communications started by Joe's small group of new friends led to instant messages and e-mails being sent by tens, then hundreds, then thousands of people throughout the town and the world – each one telling friends about the new Christmas songs from Joe that they had heard about.

Web sites, online discussion forums, and chat rooms began mentioning Joe's music. The local and entertainment news media became interested in Joe – reporters, broadcasters, disc jockeys, talk show hosts, entertainment writers...

It seemed that everyone in the world was learning about how popular Joe and his Christmas music was – except Joe! He had said he would be away until Christmas Day at noon, and he was. No one could find him anywhere!

Christmas Eve arrived with a healthy coating of snow, and Santa traveled the world delivering all sorts of presents and toys to good girls and boys. The reindeer jingled their bells through the night – to Joe's music!

In the morning, there was a fresh, peaceful, gentle warm breeze that greeted one, then two, then three, then a small crowd of people to the town square.

The carolers gathered, too, in anticipation of seeing Joe again. The crowd got bigger and bigger as the minutes ticked away towards noon. Reporters were there, so were television crews, DJ's from a radio station – no, two stations! Men, women, children – young and old... It seemed like the whole town had come out to the huge square!

At about five minutes till noon, the carolers led the crowd in singing '*I Love Christmas*', and then, when the song was over, everyone looked to see if Joe was there.

No one saw him – at first. But a hushed silence quickly spread throughout the square. Words of song were heard coming towards the crowd. A half-block away, they noticed it was Joe, singing '*Happy Birthday, Jesus*' and carrying his keyboard and portfolio.

Tears of joy were running down his cheeks, for he had heard the crowd singing his '*I Love Christmas*' song, and now he was seeing the huge mass of humanity that had gathered to pay tribute to him and his music.

The humble musician kept walking steadily as he sang, and people respectfully moved aside when he approached so he could proceed to the center stage area.

"Happy Birthday, Jesus. May all your wishes come true," Joe continued singing.

“Happy Birthday, Jesus. I give my heart to you...” [[Listen](#)]

As he finished the song, the crowd erupted in cheers for Joe. His caroler friends came over to congratulate him.

Joe was astounded. He could not believe so many people were there to see him! He noticed the television cameras, the photographers, the microphones.

“Congratulations, Joe!” Crystal told him with a hug.
“Thanks for sharing your music with the world! You’ve helped bring peace and joy to people’s lives.”

“But why, HOW did this all happen?” Joe asked.

“By being YOU, Joe. By sharing your creativity and your love with others,” Crystal replied. “We heard your message, Joe, and the world needs you!”

“This is a dream come true! Thank you so much!” Joe told the audience. “I have so many more songs I would love to share with you – Christmas songs, songs of love, relationships, and hope... so many songs!!! I have written cantatas and musicals – I can’t wait for you to hear them!”

“But now,” he said, “I want to give you the special gift I promised – a song that I left town to be off by myself to write to share my thoughts about Christmas. It is called *‘Christmas Is Love’...*”

Then he began singing... [[Listen](#)]

*Christmas is singing,
Christmas is dreaming.
Christmas is snowflakes,
Sparkling and gleaming.*

*Christmas is sharing,
Christmas is giving,
Christmas is church bells,
Through the air ringing.*

*Christmas is hope,
Sent from above,
Jesus is born!
Christmas is Love.
Christmas is Love.*

*Christmas is memories,
Christmas is greetings.
Christmas is family,
Friends and folks meeting.*

*Christmas is wishing,
Christmas is laughter,
Christmas is angels,
Tidings hereafter.*

*Christmas is hope,
Sent from above,
Jesus is born!*

*Christmas is Love.
Christmas is Love.
Christmas is Love.*

“Christmas is love,” Joe told the audience after he finished singing. “Merry Christmas!!!”

Then bells were ringing, townspeople were singing. It was indeed a **very** Merry Christmas... Christmas love and a Musician's Christmas Dream come true!

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This fictional story is dedicated to the dreams, talent, creativity, vision, and generosity of **Joseph Francis Michael Pokorny**, lyricist, composer, musician and performer, co-founder of RyKy Records™. Congratulations, Joe, for sticking to your philosophy of “Dream The Dream That Only You Can See!” By pursuing your vision – now sharing your accomplishments with the world – you are making a positive difference in people’s lives.

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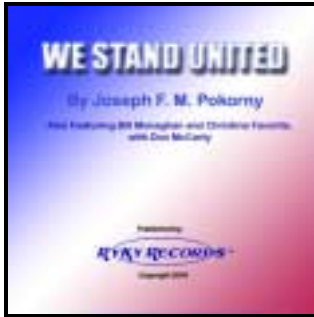
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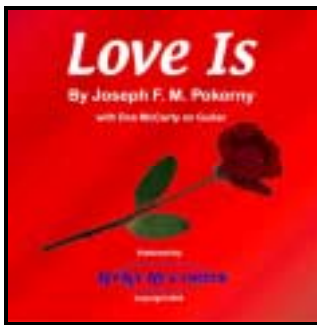


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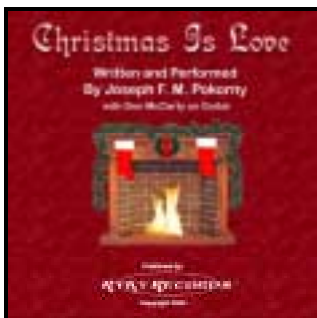
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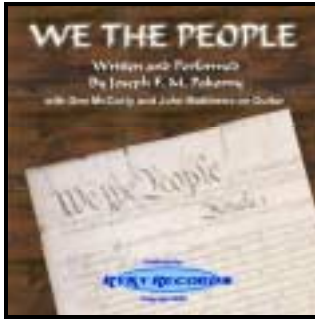


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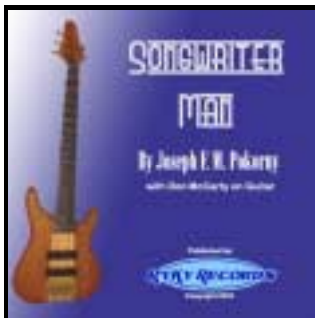
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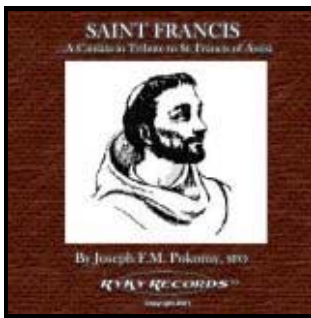


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