



# Each Christmastide

Tune: PURERUA

Melody: William L. (Bill) Wallace

Harmony: Paul Ellis

1. Each Christ-mas-tide gives us space for a jour-ney, Jour-ney to plac-es that  
2. Hear - ing the songs hid - den deep down in-side us Helps us view won-der through  
3. God was not ab - sent till Ma - ry bore Je - sus, God did not need to be

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dwel deep with - in. There we find spark - les of night's si - lent still - ness,  
shep - herds' bright eyes, Sens - ing God's pres - ence on Earth as in Heav - en;  
freed from the skies; Christ came to wak - en our sense of God's pres - ence,

Wombs where re - birth - ing of spir - its be - gin.  
God of the won - der and God of sur - prise.  
Pre - sent in laugh - ter and pre - sent in cries.

Wombs of our new-ness hold an-gel's sweet voic - es Sing - ing the songs that the  
 Jour - neys be - yond all our wombs of be - long - ing Take us to pla - ces where  
 Each day is Christ-mas for won - der - filled pil - grims, Each day holds birth-ing God

Cos - mos still sings, Songs of the cat - tle and all of Cre - a - tion,  
 He - rods still rule. Af - ter our flee - ing to need - y de - pen - dence,  
 calls us to choose, Birth - ing with - in the great womb of God's mys - t'ry,

Nur - tur - ing man - gers that Na - ture still brings.  
 Love gives us strength for con - front - ing the cruel.  
 Mys - t'ry that points to the Gos - pel's good news.

\* This bar repeated twice without  
 the melody may be used as an  
 introduction

As six verses this hymn may  
 be sung to SPEAN 234 WOV