

Christmas Rap 2003

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My name is Gabb, I've got a story to tell.
I was minding my own when I heard a great yell.
I ran to the sound and said 'What's up Lord?'
He said 'I've got a job for you as you're looking bored.'
Well it sounded like fun, popping down to earth
To tell a few folk about an upcoming birth.
Little did I know just what was in store
But listen very carefully and I'll tell you more.
I left straight away as I had to make haste
For my first visit was to a certain priest.

Hey Zach and Lizzie why look so sad
Having no kids ain't all that bad.
But God has heard your earnest plea
And sends good news to you, through me.
In your old age you'll have a son
And you must give him the name of John.
He will have an important job to do
Preparing the way for his cousin Jesu.

After I left them dancing with glee
I made my way down to Galilee.
Yo, Mary, don't be alarmed
You and yours won't be harmed.
I bring you news of a great event
You will be blessed, that's God's intent.
Although you and Joe have not yet wed
Or spent any time in the marital bed
Yet you will soon have a baby boy
And he will be God's pride and joy.

This news didn't make everyone happy it seems
For God had to speak to Joseph in a dream.

'Hey Joseph, why you look so glum
Just cos your girl will soon be a mum?
Please believe the words I say
She is still pure in every way.

The child she carries will save the world
She really is a special girl.
So carry on and make her your wife
And cherish this gift of a new life.

Well the baby was born in David's City
But my job wasn't finished - more's the pity.

'Whoa shepherds! No need to cower
Just cos God is showing Her power.
I bring good news that you need to hear
The Saviour has been born not far from here.
You've been invited to visit the babe
(But make sure the lambs know how to behave).
It'll be a bit crowded with the oxen and all
And after- you can go and tell all Israel.'

Again not everyone was filled with joy
At the news of the birth of this baby boy.
So God had to speak to the orient kings
To make sure they knew of one or two things
So they left the babe to start their journey home
By a different route that was unknown.
And Joseph was warned to leave on that day
And travel home in a circumspect way.

My job was done, I could go back and rest
But for doing my bit I felt truly blessed.
The story of the child goes on till this day
And you too can see Him lying in the hay.