

## **Christmas wishes**

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Christmas,  
oh, what a time of year.  
A time to cherish  
what we have and had over the years.  
What we give and what has been given.  
There may be no hearth, but the warmth of us  
is more than enough.

We stand together, young and old  
With tentative additions  
That followed us here.

For me,  
a young man  
that I have known for many years.  
For my brother,  
a kind woman, he has watched over  
in sickness and in health. For each of us  
a new beginning .  
With hopeful wishing eyes,  
ready to round off the year.

Food has just finished.  
There was excitement in the air.  
Presents are coming.  
And the kids couldn't stay in their chair.

We wrangled them down, and kept them there.

A picture momentum, catching the love in the air.

The last time that we all gather there. 