I Am Christmas

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1. I will sew a braid of gold,
On gray December's ragged sleeve.
Teach the crabbed and jaded soul
How to give, how to receive.
For rooms are thick with magic now,
The tree its soft light throwing;
The mistletoe, the holly bough,
My age-old spell bestowing.

Chorus:

I am warmth and I am light, And I am kith and kin, A candle in your longest night. I am Christmas; Let me in. I am Christmas: Let me in.

- 2. I bring stories by the hearth,
 Delight in half-forgotten names.
 Apple logs on fragrant fires,
 With flick'ring faces in the flames.
 And as the year draws in its days,
 And tired leaves are falling,
 I will brighten darkened ways
 Where dusk is early calling.
- 3. I can take the weary miles,
 And weave a carpet to your door.
 Guide the dusty wand'rers home,
 Safely to your side once more.
 And I can cheer the bitter days,
 With tunes to set you singing.
 My standard in your heart I'll raise,
 Joy and comfort bringing.
- 4. I bring churches all aglow,
 And carols on the midnight air.
 Colored windows streaked with snow,
 That gild the congregations there;
 For young and old shall join and sing
 To mark the longest turning.
 From one glad candle that I bring,
 Ten thousand more are burning.