Advent 2021

Ode to the Morning of Christ's Nativity

Christmas Eve is a day of great excitement for young and old alike, as children eagerly await the arrival of Father Christmas and his reindeers, and adults look forward to spending Christmas day with loved ones. Christmas Eve is a very important day in the Christian calendar. Tradition holds that Christ was born at midnight so many Christians attend Midnight Mass in commemoration. Can you write the lines of this 17th century poem by John Milton in the correct order? You can read the full poem at **www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44735/on-the-morning-of-christs-nativity.** Use it to help you complete verses 16-17.

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From *'Ode to the Morning of Christ's Nativity,'* by John Milton, 1629.

And bid the welt'ring waves their oozy channel keep.

Move in melodious time,

Ring out ye crystal spheres!

And with your ninefold harmony

His constellations set,

(If ye have power to touch our senses so)

And let your silver chime

And let the bass of Heav'n's deep organ blow;

And the well-balanc'd world on hinges hung,

While the Creator great

Make up full consort to th'angelic symphony.

Before was never made,

Such music (as 'tis said)

But when of old the sons of morning sung,

Once bless our human ears

And cast the dark foundations deep,

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