CHRISTMAS WITH THE BIRTHDAY BOY

(Sympathy Christmas Song)

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As JESUS read the Isaiah 61 prophecy of Himself in the Temple as He began His ministry,

He was also comforting all those whose babies were killed soon after that first Christmas Day:

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; **He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted**, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; [Isaiah 61:1] ...

> Christmas celebrates the Birthday Boy... who became the MAN who died on the Cross for our sins: God incarnate, on this Earth as God prophesied in Isaiah 9. (Famous "Handel's Messiah" song).

PRELUDE

What message can I send them as they sorrow for her or him? Christmas cards, full of cheer, seem thoughtless this year. Jesus, give me words to send, to show my love for them, whose loved one is now in heaven......

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When Christmas is not happy, may you still find
JOY in the Birthday Boy who grew up.
May you know Jesus's PEACE that He promised:
John 14 mansions for ALL who love Him.
Heaven with Jesus if we prayed Romans 10.

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When Christmas feels hard, painful, may you still find
HOPE in the Birthday Boy: SAVIOR grown up.
May you know Jesus's COMFORT He promised:
John 15 friendship, right here, with Him.
Comfort with Jesus if we let Him come in. >> CHORUS

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CHORUS

As you remember the ones that you love, who've gone on to heaven while you wait below. May you find peace in God's John 14 promise: All who love Jesus the CHRIST, as LORD, celebrate EVERY Christmas in the Presence of Jesus The LORD, the Birthday Boy ----Jesus said this in Matthew 28 at the end. Jesus NEVER shall leave His friends. CELEBRATE!

Notice the final lines... we ALL are invited in Christ's Presence to celebrate His birthday, now on earth as well in heaven after we leave this earthly life. Loving Him and wanting to be in His presence is our choice, though. See God's invitations in Matthew 22, Deut. 30:19, James 4:7-8.

Song Story.

I was literally praying the Prelude prayer... what to send as a Christmas greeting to friends whose young daughter had been killed in a car accident a few months earlier? I'd been praying for songs to help people. Started thinking that this topic might be good for a song. After praying for God's wisdom and empowering, I sat at the piano that same afternoon. This music, including the switch from 4/4 to 3/4, is mostly the original music and lyrics of those few hours. Recorded song 5 days later, put on internet that week.

Remembering Karen: friend of all my children, child of my friends.