Christmas at the Country
Church
By William Jerry Ayers
That little old country church is a
hundred years old,
And what memories of Christmas
gone by it does hold
Of how on Christmas morning its
Calling its members to come to
church to pray and sing.

Its pews were all handmade, not for money but for love, For the good Lord God, up in heaven

above.
Since the church was built the years slowly rolled away,
And in its graveyard some of its older members lay.

How many more Christmas will that country church be there? It will exist as long as people go to sing and say a prayer. For churches such as this will never

come to an end,

s long as there are those that love and worship God attend.

If people of today's world will find a church like this to pray. I know it would bring all of us a brighter Christmas day. So please attend a little old church

or one that's new.

And you will find a happier New Year

Merry Legends of Christmas By William Jerry Ayers ose ornaments on a Christmas tr are a symbolic meaning of beaut and are believed to be an expre-sion of affection and love.

Legend tells us that the white of a candy cane symbolizes the purity of the Christmas season.

Red stripes are for the blood shed by Christ on the cross.

The candy cane is formed into a "F".

to represent the precious name of Jesus.

The star symbolizes the great light which led the wise men to the Christ child so many years ago. The star also symbolizes hope for peace and good fortune.

The guardian angel feather symbol-izes God's care for his people through the presence of angels. Psalm 91:11...For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep angels charge over thee in all thy ways

Legends has it that mushrooms are a

good luck symbol. ssociated with nature and the beauty of the forest, finding one is considered to be very lucky and to mean good fortune is at hand mushroom ornaments are dis-played on most of our Christmas

necones symbolize eternity Molds were developed by early Euro-pean glass blowers to produce pi-necones as glass Christmas orna-ments such as we have today.

cause it stays green all through the year, the evergreen tree is a sym-bolic meaning of eternal life of-fered to Christmas through faith in Choice. in Christ

in Christ.

The treetop points heavenward. A star signifies the special star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem. The lights represent Christ, the Light of the world.

God Bless all of you this Christm Santa's Favorite Christmas Jokes By William Jerry Ayers LAUGHTER, is one gift we can all give this Christmas.

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Craig...The girl I went to the Christ-mas party with was a suicide

blonde.

Ron...What do you mean by suicide blonde????

Craig...Dyed by her own hands.

Christmas Eve Party Hangover Breakfast - Raw eggs, tomato, juice, black coffee and our sym-pathy.

Willie Makeit...Last Christmas I got a book called "Man the Master of

His House."

Craig...Was it any good?

Willie...I don't know my wife wouldn't let me read it.

Penny Kash writes to Santa every year, "Dear Santa, I don't ask a thing for my self, but please send my parents a son-in-law."

Craig...What do you mean your l date was like a Christmas tie? Honey...Loud and useless.

The Night After Christmas By William Jerry Ayers Tis the night after Christmas, We can't even walk through our

nouse,
Things are so cluttered, not even
room for a mouse.
Gift boxes and presents all over the
floor.

floor,
My wife is so exhausted she is now taking a snore.

It was so late last night when we all got to bed

Oh my poor, poor aching head. Paper, ribbons, tinsel and lots of pine

Have covered the living room floor, we can't wade through.

Tis the night after Christmas, Daughter and granddaughters have left for the day, Children had lots of toys with which

They told me they thought Santa and his reindeer,
Did a real great job with all their gifts this year.

this year.
As far as presents our family didn't do bad at all,

And this Christmas everyone really had a ball.

'Tis the night after Christmas, It is late and the moon peeps into the

Giving visions of objects all needing a broom. Our Son is sure moving around in a

low gear. Santa Claus has departed for another

year. I heard him say as he flew out of my

sight, Christmas is over for this year, so good night.

Around Christmas Children
Dream Of
By William Jerry Ayers
Around Christmas time each year,
What are children's dreams made of?

Wizards and warlocks and crystal

balls,
Dragons and Knights and castle
walls,
Heroes and villains and kidnapped

Heroes and values kings, Fairies, Weird Legends and magical things, Beanie babies, space ships and trains, Cowboys, Disney toys and big planes,

planes, Courage and faith and true love That's what children's Christmas dreams are made of.

Christmas Greetings Far & Near By William Jerry Ayers To those we love and see each day, And other loved ones so far away. To all great friends who mean so very

much.
And those whom we're out of touch.
To our dearest family and friends
those near and far away,
This wish is sent along to you for a
happy holiday.
Christmas wouldn't be the same if we

could not get in touch,
With friends and family like you who
mean so very much.

Each Christmas we have shared with friends far and near. Who has made our years together so memorable and dear. It wouldn't be like Christmas if I didn't get in touch, And wish the seasons happiness to YOU whom I care about so much.

So with love this Christmas greeting

I send your way,
Wishing YOU and YOURS a safe
and happy love filled holiday.

The Greatest Christmas Gift of , All By William Jerry Ayers
For this Christmas story we must go back a few years.
A father punished his little seven-

paper.
oney was very tight and he became
real mad when his daughter tried
to wrap a box to put under the
small Christmas tree.

On Christmas morning the little girl brought the same little silver box to her dad and said, "This gift is for you daddy, with love." He was embarrased by his overreaction the day before, but his anger, flared up again when he opened the little silver box and found it emps." "Don't you know they have you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the box?" The little girl looked up at him with

inside the box? he little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh daddy it's not empty, I blew kisses into the silver box, all for you

daddy.

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little daughter and then he begged her forgiveness.

n accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the man kept the little sil-ver box by his bed and whenever

he feels very discouraged, He would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the great love of the child who put it there For this was his greatest Christmas gift of all.

An in a very real sense, each of us humans, have been driven a little silver box filled with uncondi-tional LOVE and kisses from our children, friends, our family or

After is no more precious possession anyone could give.

Merry Christmas & a Happy
Love Filled New Year

Joking with Jerry, at Christmas Time

at Christmas Time
By William Jerry Ayers
Good humor will make this.
Christmas seem better.
Today two can live as cheaply as one,
but not as long.
Success is getting what you want this
Christmas, Happiness is wanting
what YOU get.
Willie Makeit... on Christmas my
wife thinks I'm a tressure.
Criag... You are lucky, some wives
think their husbands are a TREASURY.

SURY

You know you have a problem child

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when you'remove them from Church on Christmas and the congregation applauds. kemember when the only thing open all night on Christmas Eve was the mailbox?

mailbox?
On Christmas...Youth is a gift of nature, but AGE is a work of art.
Grandma's are God's special gift to children.
At Christmas time friends bring love

Al Christmas time friends bring love and laughter with smiles to go. Remember... Each day We live is truly a loving gift from above. It's Christmas and remember the road between friends is NEVER long. On Christmas money does talk, it says GOODBYE. A "Smile" is an inexpensive gift that YOU can give on Christmas.

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and happy holiday season!



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