

# They Shared Possessions

There were three kings who traveled over moor and mountain, because they had seen a wondrous sign in the Heavens. A star guided them through the darkness, going ever forward until at last it was still. And there, at the foot of the rays of the brightest star in the East, the wise kings found the young child with Mary, his mother.

These kings, possessing much of this world's precious goods, had come bearing precious gifts to the Christ Child—an intricately carved chest filled with gold coins, a vial of fragrant frankincense, and myrrh, one of the valuable ingredients of holy ointment.

This, too, was as it should be. For there are those of us who are blessed with an abundance of the world's wealth. The three oriental kings felt a deep desire to share their possessions with this child in whom they sensed a sovereignty and power akin to their own, yet somehow above and beyond their own, though he was yet small and helpless. Thus they knelt before Mary, the mother of Jesus, and presented their offerings in deep humility.

And so it was that the rich and the poor, the powerful and the humble, all found what they sought in Bethlehem of Judea, for so it was written by the prophet.



WE PAUSE AT THIS HOLY SEASON  
TO GIVE THANKS FOR OUR BLESSINGS

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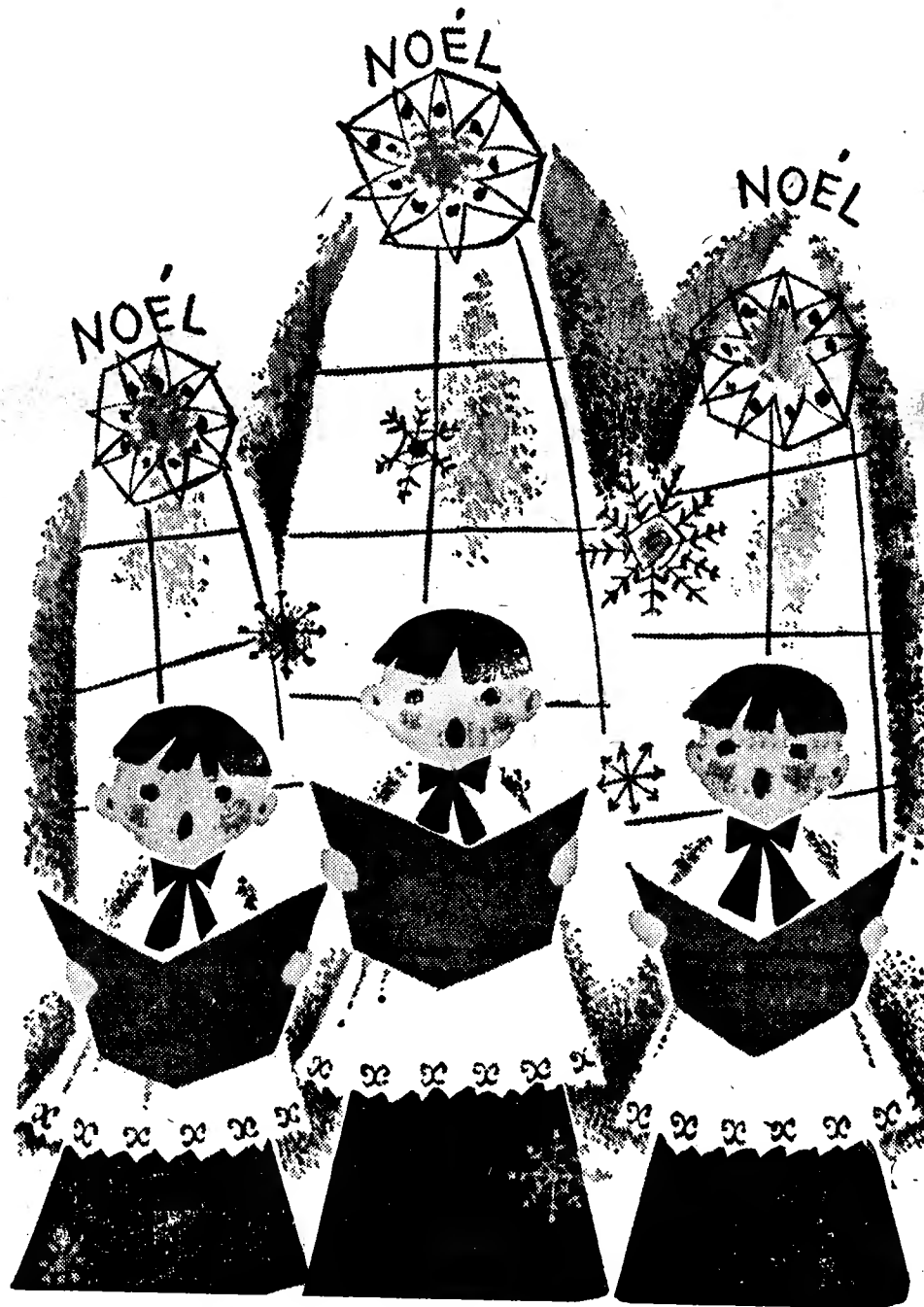
**OH, SILENT  
AND HOLY NIGHT...**

...here's a prayer that our Savior's  
message..first told so long ago..  
will bring comfort and peace to  
all mankind at Christmas...

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**GOOD NEWS**—Carl Dixon, Jr., can hardly believe his ears when Santa Claus tells him that he can count on everything he asked for in his letter. Look at those sparkling eyes, and you'll repeat the words of the poet—"Make Me a Child Again, Just for Tonight."—Photo by Billy Benners.



It's the season for carol singing, for gay wreaths of holly, glowing candles, and sugar plums. It's Christmas! Time to wish you all the

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