

"COVID Christmas 2022"
by Carole Gregory

When COVID first ran across
the Earth
like the dying Colorado River that
can no longer flow to the
Pacific Ocean,
It took hundreds of Italian elders
& puzzled scientists who began
to pray.
When COVID met Christmas,
it did not believe in the love
of Mary & Joseph & killed
the children of God everywhere.
Christmas is the life of Jesus
with angels singing,
"Hark! The herald angels singing-
Glory to God in the highest,
Peace on Earth- good will to all."

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"Advent"

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"I want to see a day when no man will shake hands with another man," said someone who will remain unnamed.

Advent

Remember how sun rose over a snowy
day?

Or the calendar date marked Christmas?

The Latin language we studied
offered direction

like dolphins leaping off shore,
the Latin word for Advent
means "to come. "

Yet our fear of death from COVID
dimmed the Christ light
as church doors were closed.

In 2022 fears of COVID linger
the way the drinking water
in Flint, Michigan flowed with lead
& bacteria,

people loosing their homes from
excessive water bills.

Each day Advent lessens our
fears,

We light candles & gather
as families & friends shine.

We erect Nativity scenes
with Mary holding her baby,
the Holy Spirit moving through her,
Joseph & the shepherds nearby.

Mary says, " My soul magnifies
the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God.my Savior. "

Christ is coming as
Wonderful Counselor,
the Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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