

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS??**  
**OR CHRISTMAS PARTIES??**

Listen to Jesus

My birthday is coming close... you know! Christmas is my birthday!.  
Yes, on Christmas I was born in a stable out of love for you.  
From immemorial times, Christian people  
In remembrance of all I did for them  
With joy, music, and prayer  
Celebrated my birthday on Christmas Day  
As the years rolled by, however, something went wrong.  
Already much before my birthday the T,V, Radio, Magazines and all Commercials  
Began to announce my birthday with great éclat. .  
People began, much in advance, preparing for my birthday, by buying all sorts of toys,  
Fanciful clothes, sweets and cookies for themselves  
As well as lots of presents for their friends....  
But funny, for me nothing at all!  
Strange, to say, now, when my birthday arrives, nobody seems to think of me.  
They have forgotten how much I loved them and how much I did for them.  
Today. . they have big celebrations in the terraces of their homes and in posh hotels  
Last year, since I was not invited to any of their Christmas Celebrations.  
They call them now *-Christmas Parties,*  
I slipped, 'incognito' into one of them.  
No one recognized me or greeted me.  
I sat alone in corner watching things  
I saw lots of people there,  
Some is dancing, some eating, others drinking and laughing.  
There were bright lights, loud music, colorful stars and fanciful decorations..  
Then, all of sudden, a strange stout fellow, dressed in red  
And with a long white bear walked in.  
Gleefully, all greeted him and danced with him,  
I wondered who that fellow was who had come  
To steal the place of honor at my birthday celebration.  
When the clock struck midnight.  
All present began shouting, embracing each other  
And sharing gifts with one another.  
No one ever thought of me.  
Nothing was given me. not even a small trifle  
I left that place very sad and disappointed.  
I am wondering; "What were they really celebrating?"

Now, back into my Father's home, I am sending personal invitations to all those who,  
forgetful of me. Took part in their so called "Christmas Parties"  
I am preparing now, an everlasting and most joyous celebration in my Father's Home  
For all who will accept my invitation

