

## Dickens' Dublin (The Palace)

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I walk the streets of Dublin town  
It's 1842  
It's snowing on this Christmas Eve  
Think I'll beg another bob or two  
I'll huddle in this doorway here  
Till someone comes along  
If the lamp lighter comes real soon  
Maybe I'll go home with him.

Maybe I can find a place I can call my home  
Maybe I can find a home I can call my own.

The horses on the cobbled stones pass by  
Think I'll get one one fine day  
And ride into the countryside  
And very far away.  
But now as the daylight disappears  
I best find a place to sleep  
Think I'll slip into the bell tower  
In the church just down the street.

Maybe I can find a place I can call my home  
Maybe I can find a home I can call my own.

Maybe on the way I'll find the dog  
I saw the other night  
And tuck him underneath my jacket  
So we'll stay warm through the night  
And as we lie in the bell tower high  
And dream of days to come  
The bells o'er head will call the hour  
The day we will find a home.

Maybe I can find a place I can call my home  
Maybe I can find a home I can call my own.

Dickens Dublin Transcript

Joyful mystery, the birth of our lord... This night our Lady and St. Joseph was going up to get registered and um they were going down the road and they met his man... and he said have you any room and he said 'Not but there's an old stable over there that I owned... If you want to get into it... And they went over and the Lord came down from heaven at twelve o'clock and loads of beautiful angels was with them... and when they were walkin....

These three wise kings... um... they were all from different countries. And they always looked up at the sky and they looked up this night and saw this beautiful star up in the sky... and when they were going they all met together... and they had to pass King Herod's, not that we much care for him... and they went in and he said 'Where are ye going with your best stitches on ye.'

And they said 'Did you not hear the news' and say he says 'What News' he says 'This day the Saviour is born' and he said to them 'When you find him come back and tell me cause I want to go and adore him too' and he was only coddin' them. He wanted to kill him and when they were going, they stopped and they said 'Surely not this old stable that our King is born in. We were

expecting a palace.'

There was these shepards and shepards are fellas that mind the foals and cows and sheeps and little lambs and all um they hears this beautiful music up in the sky and they were wondering what was so fun... an angel disappated them and he said 'I was wonderin' what was so fun' and he said ye, and he said 'The Saviour is born. If you want to go see him follow that star up in the sky,' and it was a beautiful star.