

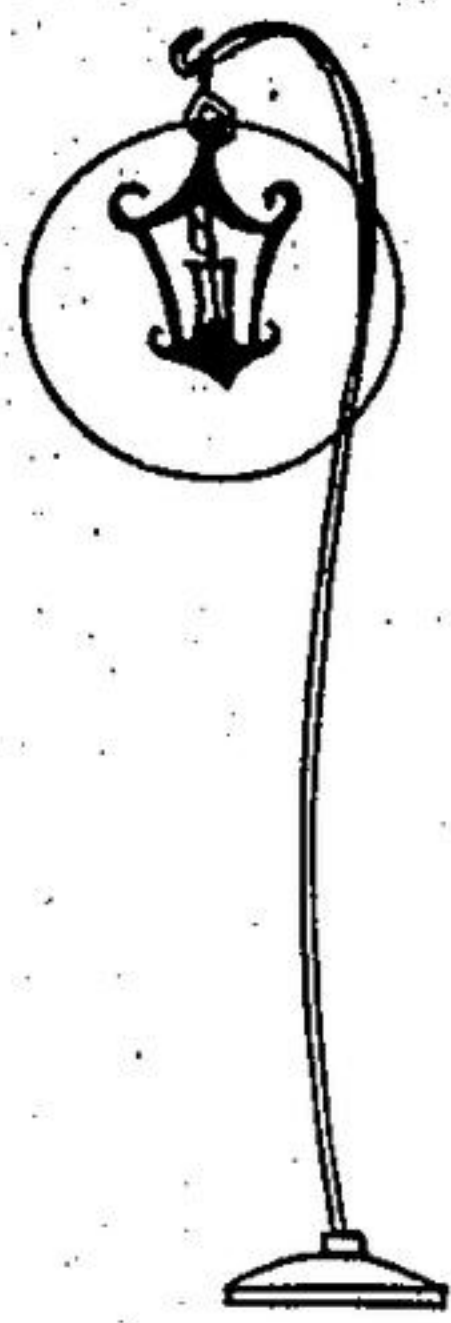
### THE LAMPLIGHTER

Robert Louis Stevenson

My tea is nearly ready and the sun has left the sky;  
It's time to take the window to see Leerie going by;  
For every night at teatime and before you take your seat,  
With lantern and with ladder he comes posting up the street.

Now Tom would be a driver and Maria go to sea,  
And my papa's a banker and as rich as he be;  
But I, when I am stronger and can choose what I'm to do,  
O Leerie, I'll go round at night and light the lamps with you!

For we are very lucky, with a lamp before the door,  
And Leerie stops to light it as he lights so many more;  
And oh! before you hurry by with ladder and with light,  
O Leerie, see a little child and nod to him to-night!



## The Legend of The Woodman And The Little Stranger

Once upon a time, many years ago, there lived a woodman and his family in a little cottage deep in the forest. When Christmas Eve came, the family sat down to a meagre meal, but their spirits were rich with gratitude that they had anything to eat, and a roof over their heads against the snowstorm raging outside. They were grateful too, for the fire burning briskly in the grate. As they were partaking of their thin soup there was a gentle knock on the door. "Who, I wonder," said the woodman, "is coming to see us on such a bitter night?" But he opened the door, letting the snowflakes blow in. There stood a child, pale and tired and shivering in ragged clothes. The family quickly brought him in, put warm, dry clothes on him and gave him some hot soup and bread. Then the woodman's wife, a kindly soul, gently put him to bed on the cot

where her son usually slept. After a time the whole family went to bed. During the night they were awakened by the sound of singing, the most beautiful to fall on mortal ears, for when they looked out the window they saw it was coming from a choir of angels! In the center of the choir stood the little boy, dressed in splendid robes, and around him a radiance which out-dazzled the white snow about him. Awe-struck by the spectacle, the woodman and his family knew at once that the little visitor was the Christ Child, and bowed in reverence. Breaking a branch from a fir tree the child set it in the ground, saying, "Because of your goodness to me, this branch will become a tree. It will always be green and will bear fruit at Christmas, and you will always be blessed with plenty at that season." And so, every Christmas after that, the woodman and his

family enjoyed delicious fruit heaped high on their table, the gift of the Christ Child.

### In Barcelona Gifts Arrive On January 6

About the time when most westerners think about taking the tree down and "putting Christmas away for another year," across the ocean, in Spain, the season is reaching its height. On January 6, Twelfth Night or King's Day, as it is called in Spain, gifts are given. King's Day celebrates the first Christmas when the Wise Men or Three Kings brought gifts to the Child in Bethlehem. The Kings are so important there that they take the place of Father Christmas. Between 5 and 6 on the af-

ternoon of January 5 the Kings appear. In seacoast cities such as Barcelona they appear in the harbor on a beautiful ship, are rowed to shore and then paraded through the town in full regalia with their retinue. Up until midnight the streets throng with people buying gifts and the special treats offered for this occasion. The true spirit and joy of the season flower in this Latin land. The outward and visible signs are everywhere in Barcelona...gifts in gorgeous wrappings, and a dramatic mode of delivering gifts: some of the large stores send men dressed as the Three Kings to go around after nightfall leaving packages on the windows and sometimes entering houses through windows to distribute the gifts and sweets. On King's Day the streets are decorated magnificently, there are receptions at the civic buildings, which are illuminated with spotlights - even the army is resplendent in full dress in honor of this happiest of all birthdays.

## SAINT LUKE

### Chapter 2 Verses 1 through 17

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.



And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called

Bethlehem; (because he was of the house of lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

### A Prayer For All At Christmas

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts - that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life...and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man...then, the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

AND THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU...Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying...Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another...Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.



And the angel said unto them, Fear not; behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,



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