

A Christmas Eve dramatic reading (2016)

- 1 - In the towers of power,
 - 2 - The people of power play their games,
 - 3 - Treating people like pawns in a chess match.
 - 1 - Expendable.
 - 2 - Replaceable.
 - 3 - Forgettable.
 - 1 - Un-named.
 - 2 - Un-noticed.
 - 3 - Un-important.
 - 1 - Valued only when it's time to vote.
 - 2 - Needed only when it's time to pay taxes.
 - 3 - Called upon only when it's time to go to war.
 - 1 - Consulted only if it will benefit the tower,
 - 2 - And the power people inside,
 - 3 - And their never-ending power games.
 - 1 - Passing laws that others must obey.
 - 2 - Passing laws which benefit the power people.
 - 3 - Passing laws about who counts,
 - 1 - Who is included,
 - 2 - And even more importantly,
 - 3 - Who is NOT.
 - 1 - Making speeches about who is OUT,
 - 2 - Who doesn't BELONG,
 - 3 - Who doesn't FIT
- All - **With US!**
- 1 - In the towers of power,
 - 2 - The people of power play their games,
 - 3 - Listening to money,
 - 1 - Listening to themselves,
 - 2 - Listening to their cravings
 - 3 - For more.
- All - **For MORE!**
- 1 - More power,
 - 2 - More wealth,
 - 3 - More control.
 - 1 - But wait.
- (Pause)
- 2 - Because,

(Pause)

3 - Something has happened.

(Pause)

1 - **GOD** has happened.

2 - **OUTSIDE** the towers of power,

3 - **OUTSIDE** the power games of the power people,

1 - **OUTSIDE** of strength,

2 - **OUTSIDE** of wealth,

3 - **OUTSIDE** of control.

1 - God has happened,

2 - In weakness,

3 - In helplessness,

1 - In love.

2 - In love,

3 - In love.

1 - Come to claim the expendable.

2 - Come to embrace the replaceable.

3 - Come to remember the forgettable.

1 - To name the un-named.

2 - To see the un-noticed.

3 - To be with the un-important.

1 - To live among God's chosen,

2 - Those outside the tower,

3 - Those excluded from power.

1 - God has happened,

2 - To the casts offs,

3 - To the lepers,

1 - To the foreigners,

2 - To the refugees,

3 - To the children,

1 - To the addicts,

2 - To the misfits,

3 - To everyone who is outside.

1 - To proclaim that **ALL** belong.

2 - **ALL** matter.

3 - **ALL** are welcome.

1 - A baby is born.

2 - Outside.

3 - And angels sing.

1 - Outside.

- 2 - And shepherds rejoice.
- 3 - Outside.
- 1 - Where God has happened.
- 2 - Where God is happening.
- 3 - Where God comes.