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An Epsom Christmas poem

Christmas comes early in the month of December But preparations start as early as September Toys appear in the shop and the store And children's expectations start to soar

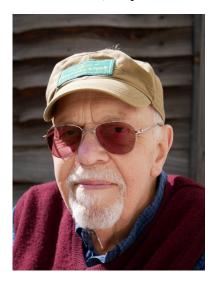
Adverts appear in the News and TV Of miraculous games for all to see Visions of food and decorations so high Make us all wish that the time was nigh

But leaves have not fallen from the trees And flowers are still buzzing with the bees Why are we tempted in this way? When the Christ child's birthday is still far away

Have they forgotten that the presents we bring Are only reminders of the presents for Him Of frankincense and myrrh and gold Foretelling the scriptures story of old

And when finally the great day is here Let us remember, amidst our good cheer As we celebrate around the table, The baby Christ child, born in a stable

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