

# Christmas Come Close

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1 Christ - mas come close in a child's crump - led face, to the rag - ged and  
2 Christ - mas come close to the place where we are, in our long - ing for  
3 Christ - mas come close to a world that is bleak, giv - ing hope a new  
4 Christ - mas come close in - to fo - cus and frame, to hu - man - i - ty's

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6 raw in a harsh birth - ing place, in a surg - ing of joy, in a  
peace, for a sign, for a star, for a cer - tain - ty born in un -  
home, mak - ing pro - phe - cy speak: so the an - gels will sing, and the  
heart for the child to make claim: for the poor to be served, for the

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11 bun - dle held tight, in a breath, in a cry, through the dark of the night.  
cer - tain - ty's space, for a mys - ter - y grasped that our blind - ness can trace.  
wise will be heard, and the powers will take heed of this child and his word.  
11 rich to kneel low, for Mag - ni - fi - cat now in the Christ - mas we know.

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