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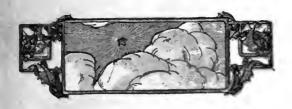
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T'S such a old, old wish, you know, seems like it must come true—
This "Merry Christmas!" that I wish with all my heart to you.

I like to think about it when I wish it to my

It's one good wish a feller never only jest p'tends!

"Good will to men!"— they sung it in th' midnight ca'm an clear
Two thousand years ago

fer all th' happy world to hear.







th' angels sent it ringin' from th' skies
With all th' stars a-singin'—
Oh, to think that mortal

eyes Could see that dawn o glory, an mortal ears could

hear

That first glad "Merry Christmas!" come a-ripplin' sweet an' clear!

I like to sort o sing it when I pass it right along,

An' feel I've caught th' echo of that old, old angel sono.







LIKE to catch th' sperrit that is back of eviry word,

Th' sperrit that th' shepherds felt th' minute that they

Th' whole sky full o' music. Oh, they understood it then

Jest as we do at Christmas if we mean "Good will to men."

It ain't jest for your nebbors an' your fambly, but it starts

Right from your soul an' takes in all th' world o' human hearts.







T'S such a old, old wishwhy, it's a older thing than

I like to think it murmured

in th' first angelic chime
'Long 'fore th' world was
fashioned an' there was a
land an' sea—

I like to think 'twas started then to reach to you an' me!

An' so I say it softly, with a sort o' singin' strain
An' like to think th' echo

still is soundin' from that plain.







HEN you say "Merry Christmas," if you think o' what you say You're touchin' hands with them that saw th' first real Christmas Day—You're one with them in sperrit—an' th' angels, too, that sung,

I like to think they're happy when that wish is given

tongue.

It's such a old, old wish, you know, seems like it must come true—

This "Merry Christmas!" that I wish with all my heart to you.











