



TOP FIVE favorite Christmas lyrics of second graders:

5. Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly.
4. Olive, the other reindeer.
3. He's makin' a list, with chicken and rice.
2. With the jelly toast proclaim.
1. Noel, Noel. Barney's the king of Israel.

Mary: The Song of Adoration
Luke 1:46-56

Luke 1:46-56 (NIV)

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

I. The Setting of Her Worship

Verse 39-40 – At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

II. The Humility of Her Worship

Verse 46-48 – "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant."



III. The Focus of Her Worship

Verses 47-54 – My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ... for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. ... for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, ... He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant

IV. The Response of Her Worship

Verse 47, 56 – “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.... Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.”

Hebrews 13:15-16 (NASB)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God." William Temple