

One morning last week
I went out to inspect the Manger
And Jesus' bed was filled
With a solid block of ice.

Joseph and Mary were sitting
there
Staring at a block of ice.

We have so little time between
The 4th Sunday of Advent
And Christmas Day
That we might miss
Joseph's God-sent dreams.

God-sent dreams
Not "his bliss"
Not *his* goals or objectives
The possibilities God opens
In our lives when we let go
Of total control
Especially when things don't
Seem to be working out,
Even when they appear darkest.

Joseph extended mercy to Mary
Because of his God-given dream.

The Holy Family stayed together
Because of Joseph's dream.

Joseph picked up and moved
His family from Herod's
Paranoid reign of terror
Because of his God-given dream.

Joseph provided for Mary
Made a home for Jesus
Because of his dream.

Joseph's dream
Changed his plans
Opened new possibilities,
Not only for him,
But for us, for the whole
world.

We have two days to thaw out our
dreams!!
If they have frozen and turned to
ice,

Uperend them, throw them
out
Warm up the fire of prayer
And pray the ice away.
Allow new possibilities to open
For us this Christmas...

Listen to some God-Given dreams;
We have to dream about
something better than a White
Christmas!

Think of Joseph..
Bitterly disappointed with Mary,
Moving during pregnancy,
Spoiled reservations,
Everyone afraid,
Taxes to be paid,
Herod on your heels...

Be not Afraid!
Funny you should mention it;
I'm terrified!

This unexpected baby
Changes everything!
"Jesus saves, Jesus is with us."

Two names for Jesus
We should always remember.

They cast out all fear,
They melt any frozen dream:
Jesus saves, Jesus is with
us.

Two perfect prayers to pray
Not just for
The two days remaining until
Christmas,
But for all the rest of our days!
Say them over and over again
Whenever you're frozen in
fear:
Jesus saves, Jesus is with
us.