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**LOMA TRIBAL
CHRISTMAS CHANT**



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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Loma Tribal Chant

Whoever on the night of the
Celebration of the birth of Christ

Carries warm water and a sleeping mat
for a weary stranger,
Gives wood from his own fire
to a helpless neighbor,
Takes medicine to one sick with malaria,
Brings words of peace
to one who is bound with fear,

Gives food to children
who are thin and hungry,
Provides a torch for a traveler in the forest,
Sings a new song
for the young people dancing under the stars,
Visits a timid friend
who would like to know about Christ.

Whoever does these things
Will receive gifts of happiness
He will have peace as one whose rice harvest is great,
And who hears his neighbors
 praise the exploits of his youth.

So will you receive happiness
If you do these acts of love and service
On the night of the celebration of Christmas,
The birth of Christ.

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