**CAROLS TELL THE STORY SERIES**

**“O Holy Night”**

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**Three wishes for your best Christmas:**

1. **May your soul feel Christ’s worth.**

**Long lay the world in sin and error pining,**

**'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth**.

Philippians 3:8-9

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him.

1. **May you experience the thrill of hope.**

**A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,**

**For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.**

Lamentations 3:20-26

I will never forget this awful time,

as I grieve over my loss.

Yet I still dare to hope  
when I remember this:

The faithful love of the Lord never ends!  
His mercies never cease.  
Great is his faithfulness;  
his mercies begin afresh each morning.

I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance;  
therefore, I will hope in him!”

The Lord is good to those who depend on him,  
to those who search for him.

So it is good to wait quietly  
for salvation from the Lord.

1. **May you truly love one another.**

**Truly He taught us to love one another;**

**His law is love and His gospel is peace.**

**Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;**

**And in His name all oppression shall cease**

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law. Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law. Romans 13:8 &10