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## Reflections

## Brexit Christmas Prayer

FOR a moment...

Let's take a break from the Brexit conversation

And brace for this paradox celebration. Christmas night the lights are bright

Business hype attains new height.

Purple and pink glow from candles

Repair the damage

made by vandals.

Twinkling stars
reflect on cribs

Relationships strained by lies and fibs.

His shelter and cradle are stable and

Perhaps a stumble then a fall.

Swaddling clothes protect the child

Opposing claims leave us beguiled. Our saviour brings

us peace and joy Debt increases to

buy that toy.

Angels sing in

praise and glory



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Politicians spin another story.

The wise men come with gifts and gold

Tales of woe are again retold.

Santa and helpers dash everywhere

Many alone with no-one to care.

Bless us with the gift of faith O Lord,
Bring us peace,
and with one accord,

Guide us through

Brexit with a smooth transition.

Let us live in peace without nuclear fission.