#### Hope for Everyone Matt Maher, Jason Ingram

Hear the angels sing There's hope for everyone To announce our king There's hope for everyone What good news they bring There's hope for everyone Angels sing there's hope for everyone

They came from afar There's hope for everyone Wise men saw the star There's hope for everyone Shepherds heard the choir There's hope for everyone From afar there's hope for everyone

> We are waiting on the promise For the one who lights the darkness Bending low to be among us Bring Your glory in the highest, Jesus

Come let us adore There's hope for everyone On the manger floor There's hope for everyone What are you waiting for There's hope for everyone Come adore there's hope for everyone

Come then, on the clouds There's hope for everyone Hear the trumpets sound There's hope for everyone All of heaven shouts There's hope for everyone On the clouds there's hope for everyone

All of heaven shouts There's hope for everyone Heaven Shouts There's hope for everyone Heaven Shouts There's hope for everyone Heaven Shouts There's hope for everyone

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# **HOPE FOR EVERYONE**





Our prayer is characterized by silence ~ **Be still and know that I am God!** 

In that silence we listen for a new word. God is present in all our lives. God cares for us, and our life experiences are a source of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence we share from our hearts.

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#### **To Ponder:** The Law of Three in Action Cynthia Bourgault- Imaginal Resolution March 2017

...when three come together, there is a new result in a new dimension. Sometimes it is simply the infusion of a more subtle quality of aliveness in whose light the real meaning of the situation is transfigured (or at least made clearer). It is a resolution at a more subtle level of imagination.

This important nuance is perhaps best demonstrated in a well-loved Christmas story, "the Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. The tale tells of two newlyweds, poor as church mice but madly in love, who, unbeknownst to each other, sell the one precious thing each owns to buy a Christmas present for the other. He pawns his valuable antique pocket watch to buy her combs for her beautiful long red hair; she shaves her head and sells the hair in order to buy him a chain for his watch. On Christmas Eve the newlyweds stare at each other blankly, almost numb with shock, trying to compute the meaning of the "useless" presents they have just exchanged.

This story exemplifies a more subtle answer: first is the couple's love for each other (holy affirming); secondly, is their poverty (holy denying); lastly, their willingness to sacrifice their most precious possessions for the sake of love (holy reconciling, kenosis or self-emptying).

The new arising is indeed "the gift of the magi" – as the story is so appropriately named – the reality of their love for each other transformed into pure agape and manifest is a whole new way.

# **Reading:** Vera Nazarian (Armenian-Russian American Writer)

One true king knew when to step aside and give up the reigns of power –

to remove his crown and relinquish his kingdom –

all for the sake of glimpsing, just once in a lifetime, the face of the Holy Child.

He was the fourth to follow the star.

His gift was a secret

The rest of his journey is unknown.



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