

## The Christians And The Pagans

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Amber called her uncle, said 'we're up here for the holiday,  
Jane and I were having solstice, now we need a place to stay.'  
And her christ-  
loving uncle watched his wife hang mary on a tree,  
He watched his song hang candy canes all made with red dye numb  
er three.  
He told his niece, 'its christmas eve, I know our life is not y  
our style,'  
She said, 'christmas is like solstice, and we miss you and it's  
been awhile,'

So the christians and the pagans sat together at the table,  
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able,  
And just before the meal was served, hands were held and prayer  
s were said,  
Sending hope for peace on earth to all their gods and goddesses  
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The food was great, the tree plugged in, the meal had gone with  
out a hitch,  
Till timmy turned to amber and said, 'is it try that you're a w  
tich? '  
His mom jumped up and said, 'the pies are burning,' and she hit  
the kitchen,  
And it was jane who spoke, she said, 'its true, your cousins no  
t a christian,'  
'but we love trees, we love the snow, the friends we have, the  
world we share,  
And you find magic from your god, and we find magic everywhere,  
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So the christians and the pagans sat together at the table,  
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able,  
And where does magic come from? I think magics in the learning,  
Cause now when christians sit with pagans only pumpkin pies are  
burning.

When amber tried to do the dishes, her aunt said, 'really, no,  
don't bother.'  
Ambers uncle saw how amber looked like tim and like her father.  
He thought about his brother, how they hadnt spoken in a year,  
He thought he'd call him up and say, 'its christmas and your da  
ughters here.'  
He thought of fathers, sons and brothers, so his own son tug hi  
s sleeve, saying,  
'can I be a pagan? ' dad said, 'well discuss it when they leave  
.'

So the christians and the pagans sat together at the table,  
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able,  
Lighting trees in darkness, learning new ways from the old, and  
Making sense of history and drawing warmth out of the cold.