

# a christmas prayer...

## 'Packing up Christmas' by Melanie Koster

When the angels remove their halos and wings,  
and the Christmas choir no longer sings,  
When the wise men's crowns  
and shepherds gowns  
have all been packed away...

Let the Peace of Christmas stay.

When tinsel and trimmings and Christmas tree  
have been taken down so carefully,  
and the coloured lights  
that shone so bright  
are boxed and sealed and put away...

Let the Hope of Christmas stay.

When trumpet and flute play the last Christmas note  
and the donkey's departed for home on its float,  
When we've mopped up the mess  
and more or less  
cleaned up all the hay...

Let the Joy of Christmas stay.

When manger and all the nativity gear  
are put into storage for another year,  
When we've done the dishes,  
said 'Christmas Wishes' -  
with all my heart I pray...

Let the Love of Christmas stay.

Let us not pack Jesus Christ away,  
May Christmas continue beyond Christmas day.

Amen.