

# Christmas Poems by Jean Brier Lusk

## Reach Always for Peace (2008)

Touch another's heart  
Lift your neighbor's spirits  
Sprinkle praise where it is due  
Reach always for peace.

Touch someone's soul  
Pray for other's sorrows  
Shine on everyone with smiles  
Reach always for peace.

Smooth away your frowns  
Raise others who feel down  
Tend the sick, feed the poor,  
Reach always for peace.

Look away from self  
Reach across the seven seas  
Respect those in other lands  
Reach always for peace.

Kneel before the Lord  
Sing praises to His name  
Celebrate His birth  
Reach always for peace

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## Hope (2014)

“Off with the old  
On with the new”  
Easier said than done  
An adage not always proven true.  
For in casting off the old  
Memories fall to the hillside  
Of lives lived in harmony  
With neighbors side by side.

Yet in stripping off the old  
The memories mix in the sand  
To create a new neighborhood  
Where old and new walk hand in hand.

Together we form the future  
To join hands in solidarity  
To face forward as we build  
Our new community.

For God sent His only son  
To a tumultuous earth  
To bring hope to us all  
Signified by a baby's birth.

So through the screen of dust  
Look for the star above  
To guide us to peace on earth  
To a future of HOPE and love.

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## No One Leave a Stranger (2015)

Christmas is a time for celebration  
To gather with family or friend  
To celebrate the Christ child's birthday  
A time for loneliness to end.

Christmas is a time to think of others  
To give gifts that bring a smile  
To feed and clothe the poor  
Or sit with the lonely awhile.

Christmas is a time to reach out  
To still a trembling heart  
To befriend new neighbors  
To rejoice in their new start.

Christmas is a time to widen horizons  
To rejoice in all that is new  
As all residents start to blend  
Rose Villa takes on a new hue.

Christmas is a time to reach out  
To celebrate together  
Hold hands in Christmas friendship  
Let no one leave here a stranger.

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## Love (2016)

We celebrate in many ways  
This special Christmas season,  
While shining at its core  
Jesus' birth the reason.

For He taught us how to love  
With patience, without pride,  
How to love our neighbors  
As we live side by side.

He taught us to forgive,  
To care for those in need,  
To live life with a smile  
Do all with love in word and deed.

He taught us that love never fails,  
It motivates all we do,  
To put others before self  
Always patient, kind and true.

So, hang up your Christmas stockings,  
Wrap presents, sing carols of joy,  
Trim the tree with glittering symbols  
Of love for Jesus, born a baby boy.