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Two thousand years after a son was bequeathed to man,  
A father, arriving with the first winter's snow, was born,  
Destined to follow the footprints in the sand,  
And to lead those weary of body and spirit to shore.

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Quickly this babe grew into manhood,  
A gentleman like no other to be found.  
Often he pondered the foundation upon which he stood,  
And his respect for his fellow humans was humanely profound.

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A quest he then did take to in spirit and mind,  
Searching lands far and wide for a lady he deemed fair,  
To give to her a gift of love so fine,  
In hopes that one day a child of his she would bear.

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Finally after much questing he did find her,  
The one that he had loved since he was conceived.  
He looked into her eyes, and his heart did stir,

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And he sang: "Prithee, fair one, wilt thou marry me?"

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With heart and arms opened wide she graciously accepted,

And upon his white horse away they did ride,

Into a future of loving memories, cherished and respected,

And to the golden castle he had fashioned for them in the sky.

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Not long after their ceremony of marriage,

She transformed into a radiant butterfly, heavy with child.

To him she had become a jewel most precious,

And his touch upon her was exceedingly patient and mild.

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Soon, accompanied by the season of giving,

In the early hours before the first light of morn,

There came to him the sound of a new babe's singing,

And to the father's pride and delight he was reborn.

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