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**THE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM**

IT WAS ALMOST BLOWN AWAY  
UNDER THE AIR PRESSURE  
OF BOMBS AND TERROR ATTACKS  
TEARING APART THE LAND OF JESUS.

IT HAD ALMOST STAYED HOME  
FOR THE LACK OF NEIGHBOURS  
WHO WERE STILL ABLE OR ALLOWED  
TO LEAVE THEIR HOME IN PALESTINIAN TERRITORY.

IT HAD ALMOST BEEN BLOWN OUT  
BY COMMANDERS WHO KNOW  
THAT THEIR DOINGS  
DO NOT BEAR THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.

YET THAT FRAGILE FLAME  
ONCE AGAIN REACHED US  
AS A SMALL VICTORY  
OF LIGHT OVER DARKNESS.

THE FLAME SPRANG NOT FROM THE PEOPLE  
BUT FROM GOD'S NEARNESS  
WHEN JESUS WAS BORN  
IN A MANGER IN BETHLEHEM.

A LIGHT TO PASS ON  
FROM CANDLE TO CANDLE,  
FROM EYE TO EYE,  
TO ALL WHO LOOK FORWARD TO SALVATION.

TO ALL WHO LOOK FORWARD TO PEACE  
ON EARTH TO ALL PEOPLE  
OF GOOD WILL AND  
OF GOD'S GOOD PLEASURE.

JESUS OF NAZARETH  
GOD OF GODS, LIGHT OF LIGHTS  
GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S ANOINTED ONE  
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.

+ JOHAN BONNY  
BISHOP OF ANTWERP

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