

# Happy, Happy Easter!

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Easter is a joyous time of the year  
When the faithful in Christ die  
Get buried in the cold earth with the Lord  
And then resurrect with their Lord and Savior  
On the Blessed Day of Resurrection!

Easter is a season of rebirth  
When we all have an opportunity  
To be reborn like new born babes  
And to start a clean slate and get our acts right  
With God and with our fellowmen

Easter is indeed a time of forgiveness  
When we put the bitter and ugly past behind us  
And embrace a new day of reconciliation  
It is a season to share the limitless love  
Of the crucified and resurrected Christ  
With those who persecute us  
And hate the grounds we walk on



But look how the wealthy ride their Limousines  
Their Pejaros, and Mercedes Benzes  
On dumpy and unpaved and unsafe roads  
Where the pem-pems have taken control  
And in a land of plenty where the majority go hungry!

Look how the SUVs of the rich get stuck in the mud  
On the Ganta-Harper Highway  
When the road cuts during the heart of rainy season  
While poor passengers are stuck  
On the highways for days and nights

Look how for the sake of heaping up quick wealth  
Our Christian Brethren take daily bread away  
From the mouths of the homeless and poor  
And look how thousands die daily  
From malaria and mosquito bites  
When other societies are making scientific advances  
While we “make bay and “vono”!

Yet on Sundays we sit in the pews in our churches  
And pretentiously shout “Amen!” and “Alleluia!”  
As though we can fool God!  
But when we get a sudden stroke  
On Easter Sunday morning  
Then we cry: “Ay God, why me!”

Friends, such hypocrisy and lack of faith  
Will never go unpunished and unregistered  
For Christ was real when he laid down his life  
So that you and I may have life and have it abundantly

And though those Christ deeply trusted  
And that supped with Christ betrayed him  
Yet in his anguish and pain he said  
As he breathed his last on Calvary:  
“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”!

This is the Easter Story I know  
That was told to me from of old  
And that I have shared  
With my children and children’s children  
And now with you and your households  
That as Christ loves and forgives us  
So should we love and forgive one another

For love and forgiveness are priceless treasures  
That the day of Easter brings for all of us  
In order to make this world a better place to be!  
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