

“Twinkle” - Rev. Jeffrey B. Childs

You may have sung that song about a little star and wondered about what it was, but did you ever wonder about how that little star in the sky started to twinkle?

In the beginning God created everything including all of the stars in the sky. There were so many of them they could not be counted, and they could not all be named. Some of the larger and brighter ones got names like Polaris, the north star, or Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky. People who were travelling at night would use the stars to guide them and to see where they were going. But most of the stars were just ordinary stars and by themselves they did not shine a lot, but together, why they could light up the night sky from one horizon to the next!

This is a story about one of the littlest stars named Twinkle. Twinkle was a little star. But one night a long, long time ago something special happened. All was dark and still as all the stars shown in the sky. But then all at once a huge choir of angels began to shine down on a small group of shepherds out on the hillside near Bethlehem.

All the stars crowded around to see the angel chorus and hear the Good News they sang to the shepherds about a baby being born. The music and the message did something to Twinkle. Filled by God’s love shared by the angels, the little star started to shine brighter. The more the angels sang the more Twinkle began to twinkle with excitement!

When the angels stopped singing and returned to heaven, Twinkle heard the shepherds talking about going to see the baby in the manger which the angels had told them about. After the bright glow from all of the angel chorus, the sky was much darker as the shepherds walked to town. Twinkle thought a little more light on the path would help the shepherds see and so, he shined brightly down on Bethlehem.

Then when the shepherds found the stable and went in to see the baby, Twinkle wanted to see, too. There was a small hole in the roof and as he looked through it a small beam of starlight shone on Mary and Joseph and on the baby Jesus. That sight filled Twinkle with the love of God so much that that little light grew brighter and brighter and brighter.

Twinkle’s light was so bright that people looking in the night sky from a faraway land saw it too. They thought it curious and that it must signify something important, like the birth of a new king. They loaded up their camels and followed Twinkle’s light. Like the shepherds before them they followed the light of the little star all the way to Bethlehem.

And they say, that if you look out the window on Christmas Eve, you can still see Twinkle shining reminding people of the very first Christmas. May the story of Twinkle the little Christmas star and the birth of the baby Jesus always shine in your heart! And remember, like that little star Twinkle, we too can shine and share God’s love and light.

Twinkle Was a Little Star

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(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Twinkle was a little star,
Who led wise ones from afar,
Up above a manger bed,
To where shepherds had been led.
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,
Shine your light right where you are.

Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,
When you're needed, there you are.
Up above you shine so bright,
Showing how to share God's light.
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,
Shine your light right where you are.

Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,
May we be just like you are.
Doing all that we can do,
To let God's light to shine through.
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,
Shine your light right where you are.