

# December 1943

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The ending of December 1943  
Somewhere in the forest, the snow was three feet deep  
Two allied soldiers walking, trying not to freeze  
Far from home on Christmas Eve  
A cabin with the light on brought them to its door  
A woman said, "In my home you can't bring in your war  
So leave your rifles outside up against a tree  
There's peace on Earth on Christmas Eve"  
And they sat by the fire and they talked all night long  
Sang Christmas hymns and showed pictures of home  
In the middle of a great war, it's so hard to believe  
There's peace on Earth on Christmas Eve  
Later in the evening, footsteps in the night  
Two German soldiers freezing  
The woman went outside  
"You're welcome here in my home  
But your guns will never be  
There's peace on Earth on Christmas Eve"  
The soldiers all were frightened  
When they stood face to face  
The woman said, "You're brothers  
Part of the human race"  
"Tonight we're all just family  
And we'll get down on our knees  
And praise His name on Christmas Eve"  
And they sat by the fire and they talked all night long  
Sang Christmas hymns and showed pictures of home  
In the middle of a great war, bitter enemies  
Found peace on Earth on Christmas Eve  
Early that next morning  
They went their separate ways  
Shook hands and hugged that woman  
There on Christmas Day

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