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**Song Title: The Christians And The Pagans**

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Amber called her uncle, said "We're up here for the holiday,  
Jane and I were having Solstice, now we need a place to stay."  
And her Christ-loving uncle watched his wife hang Mary on a tree,  
He watched his son hang candy canes all made with red dye number three.  
He told his niece, "Its Christmas Eve, I know our life is not your style,"  
She said, "Christmas is like Solstice, and we miss you and its been awhile,"

So the Christians and the Pagans sat together at the table,  
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able,  
And just before the meal was served, hands were held and prayers were said,  
Sending hope for peace on earth to all their gods and goddesses.

The food was great, the tree plugged in, the meal had gone without a hitch,  
Till Timmy turned to Amber and said, "Is it true that youre a wtich?"  
His mom jumped up and said, "The pies are burning," and she hit the kitchen,  
And it was Jane who spoke, she said, "Its true, your cousins not a Christian,"  
"But we love trees, we love the snow, the friends we have, the world we share,  
And you find magic from your God, and we find magic everywhere,"

So the Christians and the Pagans sat together at the table,  
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able,  
And where does magic come from? I think magics in the learning,  
Cause now when Christians sit with Pagans only pumpkin pies are burning.

When Amber tried to do the dishes, her aunt said, "Really, no, dont bother."  
Ambers uncle saw how Amber looked like Tim and like her father.  
He thought about his brother, how they hadnt spoken in a year,  
He thought hed call him up and say, "Its Christmas and your daughters here."  
He thought of fathers, sons and brothers, so his own son tug his sleeve, saying,  
"Can I be a Pagan?" Dad said, "Well discuss it when they leave."

So the Christians and the Pagans sat together at the table,  
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able,  
Lighting trees in darkness, learning new ways from the old, and  
Making sense of history and drawing warmth out of the cold.