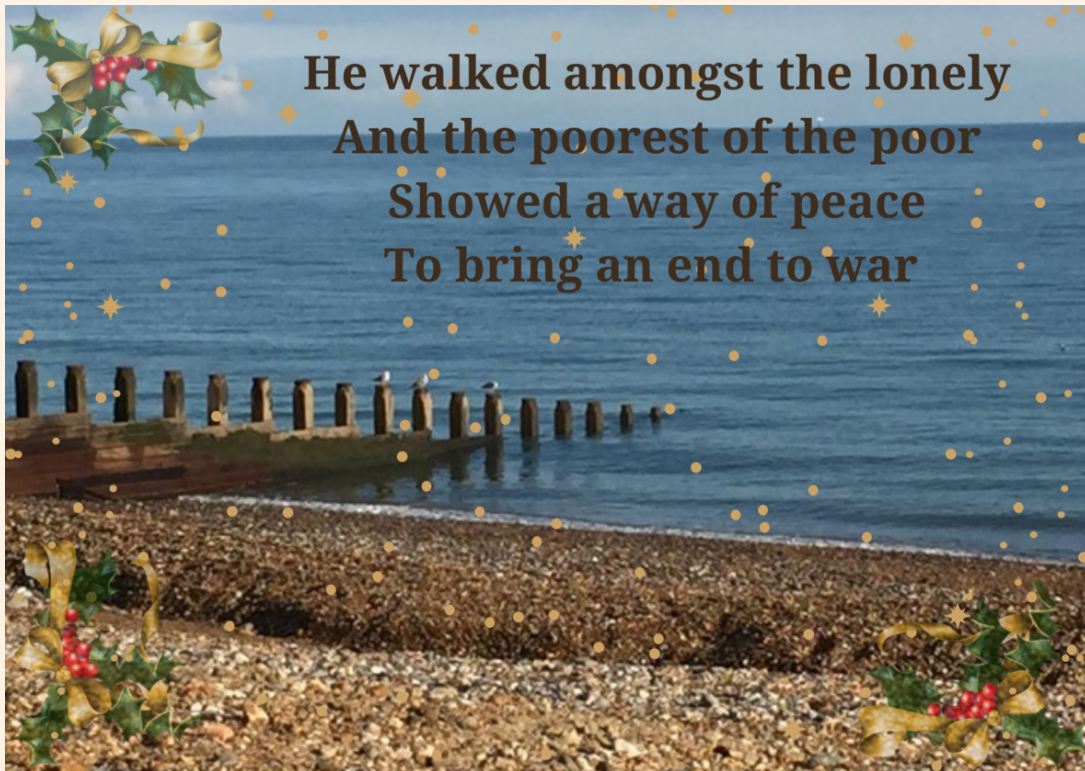




from Garth...

Advent and Christmas Greetings



He walked amongst the lonely
And the poorest of the poor
Showed a way of peace
To bring an end to war

Let peace come down this Christmas
Upon a broken land
Let peace come down this Christmas time
And let's all take a stand

*Warmest good wishes and prayers
for this time of Advent
and for Christmas and New Year
from Garth and Gill*

Gill and I used this picture of a nearby beach for our Christmas greetings card this year because we are very fortunate to live within walking distance of the sea and also some beautiful countryside - namely Beachy Head and Birling Gap. Wandering by the sea can be a place of meditation. On the new album *Easter Revolution*, coming out in the New Year, there is a song simply about walking by the sea in what it describes as "the season of the hard times". It says *"We went walking by the sea, and somehow it felt like freedom, somehow it gave me peace. And I love those special memories of walking by the sea."*

This ties in with a song I wrote called "Chapel By the Sea", on the album *Something for the Soul*, where it has these words,

Sacred space, sacred space

Where we pause to find grace

It's like returning to base

Sacred space

Sacred space, sacred space

Where silence fills the place

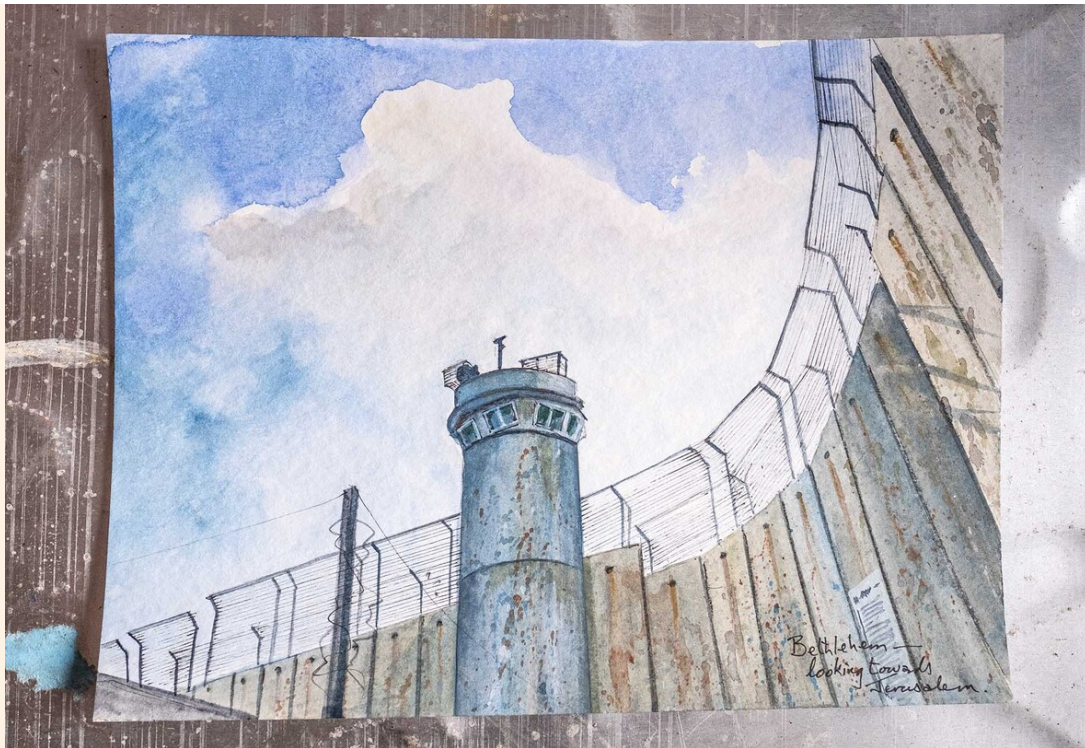
Where quietness is our strength

Sacred space.

Which could be referring directly to a chapel or church, or could be referring also to holy places within nature where we draw our strength, especially in these days when we can't always make it to church.

We can't all live by the sea, but many of us have quiet places that seem to give us strength - for me it often seems to relate to water, like when we lived in London beside the Thames and I had the song "Towards the Promised Land" which ends with the words, *"By the waters of Wapping, I find a sanctuary."*

Maybe we all have places where we can pause and we find we can renew our strength.



Painting by Canon Ed Pruen - who also wrote the music for my poem 'Making Holy Dreams Come True'.
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Making Holy Dreams Come True

On the front page of my website for December we've put the song *Making Holy Dreams Come True* - [you can see and listen to it here](#) -

What have they done to the "Little Town"?

Imprisoned it in a concrete wall

Bethlehem – once a holy city

Trapped inside a ghetto wall.

Here where angels sang of peace

Where love and hope were born anew

Once surrounded by a heavenly host

Now surrounded by a concrete view.

Yet people crushed and hidden away

Still celebrate on Christmas Eve

Lighting candles for the child –

They still remember – still believe.

So light a candle this Holy Night

For Bethlehem and Beit Sahour

And for all the people caught inside

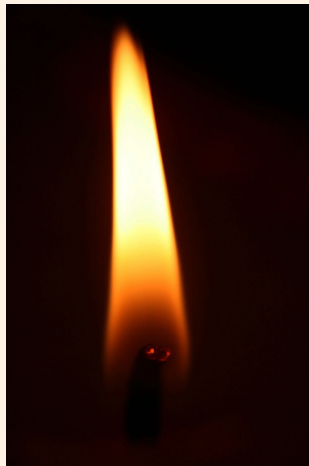
That cold and grey prison wall

Longing for a world of peace

Where all are treated equally

*Where all can recognise their worth
Where all can live with dignity –
Where all can join hands with neighbours
Whether Muslim, Christian or Jew
And find a way to live together
Making Holy dreams
Making Holy dreams come true.*

Prayer



Oh God, these are difficult times -
we pray for a renewed vision of your humble way,
your way of justice and hope for all;
We pray that we might have a deep vision
of the Prince of Peace,
and the way of the Prince of Peace.

May our churches become centres
that not only have a dream of justice for all
but live out the values of this dream
in the communities in which we live.

Give us renewed joy this Christmas -
and then a renewed commitment to action -
to have an encounter with the God whose name is mercy,
the God who is humble and generous.
In the name of God,
the Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

Garth Hewitt



Watch out for Garth's new album, out early 2022 - we'll let you know!

Easter Revolution

Songs for living

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all year round



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