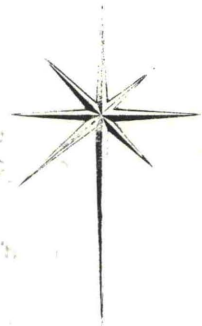


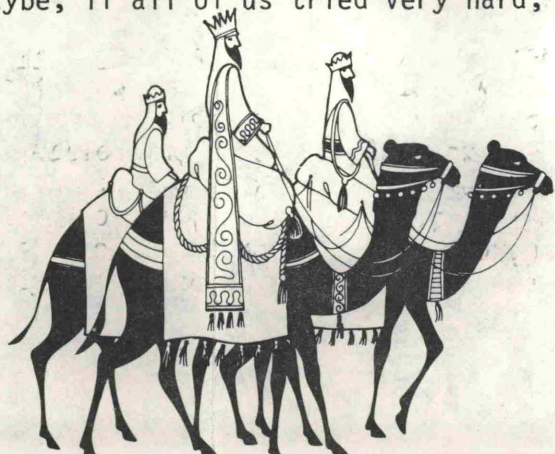
The world is changing so fast, it seems we hardly can cope.
 It's almost like we were just looking around at one large kaleidoscope.
 We always do a lot of things that fill our nights and days,
 And yet it almost seems as if we're standing in a maze.
 With shuttles out to space and back, it really seems ironic,
 That basic values have been replaced with gadgets electronic.
 In fact, we often think that if we want true joy to last,
 We'll all stand still, enjoy the view, and let the world fly past.



Ed and Louise got to visit a bit with their children from coast to coast.
 It really is nice, but hard to tell which place we liked the most.
 We traveled in March to visit the families that live on the coast way out West.
 We may travel far to visit them there, but we think we surely are blessed.
 That's Robert and Vickie and Eli and Karl and Tina, to mention a few,
 Than Nancy and Dan, with Levi and Jesse, Melissa and Nathan, too.
 Then we flew out to the East coast in June to visit with Erick and Joyce,
 And Kirsti, and Anders and Nina and Heidi and Jacob, we think they are choice.
 Carolyn, Sue and Melissa are near, so to see them we don't go away,
 But we know that next year this all will change in a very dramatic way.
 We met Robert and Vickie and family at Elden's, to celebrate Thanksgiving day.
 Southern Cal is so warm and so nice, we are sorry that we couldn't stay.

Carolyn still teaches music to kids in the Middle School, West Jordan City.
 She's always so busy we don't see her often, which we think is really a pity.
 Erick finished his Doctoral writing at last, and now is a PhD.
 We know he is glad he completed the task - and we and Joyce all agree.
 Nancy and Dan moved in early November, to a place on the Washington coast.
 They live in Vancouver, Washington now with four children of which they can boast.
 Robert is still making movies and stuff, like TV and radio spots.
 His latest endeavor is patches for jeans, that go on the place where you squat.
 Sue's back in school for the rest of the year, and will graduate soon, we suppose.
 She interned at Utah Power and Light, and the business exposure shows.
 It was experience - that's what she needed, to finish her master's degree,
 So in April she'll finally get to the top, the next step we still cannot see.
 Melissa's the star of our letter this year, she's busy with projects galore,
 What with going and coming, aerobics and studies, we don't see her much any more.
 She flew back to Paris again and she's glad that she made this special endeavor,
 For now she is through with her surgery, at last, and she says it is finished forever!
 But her biggest news, and we're all very proud, she's been called to go on a mission,
 To Dearborn, Michigan. She will do much with her spirit and driving ambition.

Well, now that you know all about us again and Christmas is almost here,
 We wish all of you the best things in life for Christmas and all through the year.
 We hope that the song that the angels sang, of "Peace, Good Will Towards Men."
 Will echo anew, so that we might recall that wonderful night once again.
 Isn't it great that at least once a year we think of the Savior's birth?
 Maybe, if all of us tried very hard, we could really build Heaven on Earth.



----- AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Ericksons
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We hear from various sources
that you are having a most
unusual experience. Things are
much the same here. We have a
beautiful new stadium on the street,
but it's better than the 2 deck one
they initially prepared.

We look forward to seeing you by
next Christmas. We have a lot of snow
this year, so it should be a white one.

Just got word that Elva Boardman
died. That's the second one this year.
But we have 20 Elders in the quorum
in spite of the 7th ward, so things look
good for the future. All are active, God.
All except the 2 or 3 you knew when
you were here.

Things will change for us with Nelson
gone, but we'll get used to being alone.
Hope your Christmas here you are just
great

Love

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