

Light A Candle

The stories of Mary and Elizabeth are just stories of simple, everyday folk but they are ordinary women of this world made extraordinary by the love of God. Likewise, the saying "it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness" may not seem much but has given hope and inspiration to many.

It isn't much really
Just a single flickering flame
Pathetic really
Not even enough light to read by

Yet that one candle
Has inspired millions
Shattering the darkness
Exposing possibility

She wasn't anything special
Just another pregnant teenager
An ordinary girl
With an unbelievable story

Yet in that girl
Millions have found hope
Of unseated mighty
And uplifted humble

The other one probably didn't exist
Just a literary device
A figure
To help draw out the story

Yet in the older woman
Millions have found companionship
Comfort and joy
A celebration of relationship

The whole story is banal
A baby born in poverty
Mundane, everyday
Sweet – but ultimately boring

Yet this everyday miracle
Speaks loud to us of hope
Of mistakes put right
And lives made anew

And here you have a stale crust
Shop bought and slightly curled
Not hallowed
A piece of ordinary bread

Yet this is the ordinary bread
The children fight over
Special bread: holy bread

Body of Christ broken for us

And rather watery juice
Blackcurrant cordial
Not even wine
A drink for children

A drink for children
Children of faith
Children of hope
Children of God

Eat, drink
Love, hope

[share bread and wine]

So we leave
As we have left so many times before
As we leave every week
Nothing has changed

So we leave
As we have left so many times before
The ordinary has been made extraordinary
Everything has changed.

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