

# GREEN CHRISTMAS

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I wish you a green Christmas  
With boughs of holly and a wreath, nat'rally  
A little sprig of mistletoe to laugh about with Mr. Ho Ho Ho  
Plenty of Earthly goodies to eat

I wish you a very green Christmas  
Where nothing is wasted and the wrappings are true  
Every present you receive doesn't harm a forest or a flea  
And brings peace on Earth, peace for the Earth

I wish you a green Christmas  
Where every gift and greeting comes straight from the heart  
A flock of chicks or a hive of bees in someone's honor to a family  
Who knows what traditions you might start?

I wish you a green Christmas  
With all the wonders of a bright eastern star  
A long walk by a waterfall or the very best gift of all  
Peace on Earth and peace for the Earth

I wish you the greenest Christmas  
Even if you're surrounded by snow or by sand  
Whatever holiday you celebrate I honor your belief and think that's great  
Kwanzaa, Hanukuh, Ramadan, or Yuan Tan, or Chinese New Year

I still wish you a green Christmas  
With gratitude for every sweet breath of air  
Joy and laughter with the ones you love, a pear tree and turtle doves  
But most of all, peace on Earth and peace for the Earth

Who but a Baby could teach us to see we're all one big family  
We need peace on Earth and peace for the Earth