

Stories from the Jesse Tree.

Abraham and Sarah.

The flood was over, the flood was gone
For Noah and his family, life moved on.
Their children had children, these children grew
and they spread right out, as families do.

In one of these families lived a man,
God chose to call him Abraham
He lived with Sarah, she was his wife
They lived very close to God through their life.

God said to Abraham leave your home *(Ur)
It's time to journey, you won't be alone
Bring your relations, some helpers too
Don't worry I'll walk along with you.

They walked by a river which showed them the way *(Euphrates)
They slept in tents and travelled by day.
At night they looked up at the stars in the sky
Where were they going? they wondered and why?

The very long river lead to a town *(Haran)
and there were lots of people around,
Abraham wondered how long they should stay
After some years God said, 'be on your way'.

They left the river a long way behind,
They walked through the desert, the heat was unkind
at night they looked up at the stars in the sky
Where were they going? they wondered and why?

At last they arrived where the tall oaks grow *(Mamre/Hebron)
Quite near to Bethlehem you know,
And God said to Abraham, stay here and rest
This is a place where you will be blessed.

One dark starry night, Abraham went outside
God came so close, almost side by side.
Together they looked at the stars in the sky
"Where am I going?" asked Abraham, "and why?"



“Look at the sky” God said, “look at the stars
I’m guiding your journey, you’ve travelled so far
because you are important, created that way,
Now listen to what I’m going to say.

For you’ll be the Dad of a great family
and Sarah will be their mother you’ll see
with children and grandchildren all through the land
More than stars in the sky, more than grains in the sand.

And Abraham looked at the stars and thought wow!
And then looked again and wondered how.
“We’re too old God”, he said, “we’re too old for a child”
and God looked at Abraham’s face with a smile.

“Trust me” said God, “it will come to pass”
Abraham looked at the stars and he laughed

And on hearing this news, Sarah laughed too
But deep in her heart she wished it was true.
She’d longed for a child for so many years,
in some of that laughter God heard tears.

So the God of the dark and the big starry sky
Gave Sarah a baby, she heard his first cry.
He was given by God for them both to look after
And they called him Isaac because it means laughter.

And the words that God said to Abraham were true
His children had children, these children grew
with children and grandchildren all through the land
more than stars in the sky, more than grains in the sand.

And the stars Abraham saw are the ones we see now,
When we look to the night sky, and like him go ‘wow’!
As the millions and millions of stars that we see
Remind us that we’re part of God’s family.

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