

## When Silence Is Broken

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On Christmas Eve as midnight approaches,  
and the darkness clicks over into Christmas  
Day... there's an old story that the animals in  
the stable where Jesus was born can speak.

Just for a few hours, until like many of us  
they wait for permission to speak again.

A single star  
An angel's wing  
In the midnight stable  
Animal's sing  
A conversation  
Rising like the moon  
In the midnight stable

They're talking in tune

This night when silence is broken  
This night when animals speak

This night when words are spoken  
Listen to the songs they make

Listen hard this night. Listen hard for the  
voices that are normally as silent as stones.  
Listen hard this night to the voice that's inside  
you. To the voice that sings from your bones.

The sound of voices  
In the winter gloom  
So many questions  
They're over too soon

The sounds are shaping  
The old mouths talk  
Soon it will be morning  
And day will close the book

This night when silence is broken  
This night when animals speak

This night when words are spoken  
Listen to the songs they make

Words in the darkness  
By the candle's flare  
One by one they're rising  
Spirits in the air

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