

Christmas Present

On this day
Give me this to give:

Some clue to speed a traveller's way
Some myrrh to sweeten death's decay
Some gold to feed a hungry child
Some word to bring us reconciled
Some balm to soothe an aching fear
Some smile to blossom through the year
Some hope to move the will to right
Some touch to give the shuttered sight
Some power to restrain the selfish knife
Some fragrance of that future life.

On this day
Give me this to give;
As you gave to me
And more.

By Mark Greene from 'Opening Night'