

THE GIFT OF GOD

By Verna Kwiatkowski. Sky View. Patterned after poet William Carlos Williams' The Red Wheelbarrow, which consists of 16 words arranged 3 words over 1, then a space, looking to me like 4 stanzas, though it reads as one thought. I used his first 4 words as a starting point; the rest are mine, generously sprinkled with Bible verses. The period at the end of Williams' poem "allowed" me to use punctuation. I added capital letters and captions. The overall title comes from Romans 6:23 – "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

1. The Situation

So much depends
upon

what we believe
about

the birth, death,
and

resurrection of Christ
Jesus.

3. The Crucifixion

God made him
Who

had no sin
to

be sin for
us –

what deep, deep
love!

5. The Affirmation

Do you believe
this?

That is the
question

we all must
answer.

Believe, and receive –
LIFE!

2. The Incarnation

Jesus – son of
God

born of virgin
Mary

lying in a
manger –

the Word become
flesh!

4. The Resurrection

The tomb is
empty!

Christ Jesus has
risen!

We needn't fear
death –

it's lost its
sting!