

HAIKU FOR CHRISTMAS

**COLD WIND OFF THE SEA
PUB LIGHTS GONE OUT AND DOOR LOCKED
WHOSE STAR IN THE SKY?**

**UNDER THE BIG TREE
ODD SHAPE IN CLUMSY GIFT WRAP:
YOUNG SEÁN'S FIRST REAL BOW!**

**OLD MEN, FIRE, THREE PINTS
COLEMAN'S REELS NOT QUITE IN TUNE
WILD SNOW SWIRLS AND DRIFTS**

**FAMILY AT MASS
NORA CROONS GRANDCHILD TO SLEEP
ANGELS KNEEL TO HEAR**

**CANDLES IN THE CHURCH
WARMTH FOR SOUL, NOT FOR BODY
(JUST LIKE THE STABLE)**

**REINDEER OR DONKEY?
TRACTOR OR SANTA'S BIG SLEIGH?
SLEEPY KIDS DON'T CARE**

**OLD FLUTER TADHG SAYS
BEANNACHTAI NA NOLLAIG DUIT!
HANS AND JACQUES SMILE BACK**

**FRIGID BOSTON STREETS
BUT WARMTH HERE IN CYBERSPACE
YULE BLESSINGS TO ALL!**

**ONCE ON A DARK WORLD
SHONE A NEW LIGHT, UNSURPASSED:
GIFT OF ENDLESS LOVE**

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