

Visions Of Angels Eucharist

Both Tim and I are big fans of early Genesis (as in the rock group). So when I did an advent service on the theme of angels their track "Visions of Angels" from the album Trespass, seemed the obvious track to play. This then led to me being very presumptuous in daring to rewrite their lyrics to create this liturgy.

Standing in the streets gazing at the sun
looking at the highrises but there's not even one
see a stream of people with painted on smiles go by
run to feel their comfort but the makeup's flaked and dry.

I see the face of one I loved and run to take their hand
why they're never there I don't understand
the trumpet sounds my whole world crumbles down

**Visions of angels all around
dance in the sky
leaving me here
asking the question, why?**

As the paint peels and the Christmas lights are put away
so the fragile beauty of our lives must fade
our memories are what keep us young at heart
and our dreams kindled keep old age always at bay.

So take our dreams the stars have filled with light
let Christmas peace like snowflakes fall
the message of the Christ-child reaches out to us all.

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Ice is moving and human hearts begin to freeze
the Christ-child now hangs dying, human life to leave
bread is broken, wine by human violence poured
as the angels still are singing, Christ by highest heaven adored.

I believe there never is an end
God came to earth the human heart to mend
and angels just like me and you to send.

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[share bread and wine]

**Visions of angels all around
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**so light a candle in the window
and dreams in us may fly.**

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