

Gaudete

Because Christmas is almost here
Because dancing fits so well with music
Because inside baby clothes are miracles.

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Because some people love you
Because of chocolate
Because pain does not last forever
Because Santa Claus is coming.

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Because of laughter
Because there really are angels
Because your fingers fit your hands
Because forgiveness is yours for the asking
Because of children
Because of parents.

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Because the blind see
And the lame walk.

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Because lepers are clean
And the deaf hear.

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Because the dead will live again
And there is good news for the poor.

Gaudete
Because of Christmas
Because of Jesus
You rejoice.

— A favorite poem by Brad Reynolds

“Gaudete” is the Latin word for “rejoice,” the Third Sunday in Advent.