

A Star Is Always Born

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It is no different now. The yearning still gnaws. The night dark, utterly silent, Sky stretched endlessly back Into an infinity beyond reach. And the fears, the tears Are they any different? It is no different now. Joy sometimes, hope too, divisions Seemingly unbridgeable, vast chasms Opening between those closest. Little changes, though two thousand years Dissolve into oblivion behind us. It is no different now. Plus ça change, Plus c'est la même chose. Always the same.

Yet a word is heard dimly Laboring out of the deafening black Silence, almost but not inaudible. And the angel says, "Go out," And the angel said, "Go out," Always the angel, always the voice Bearing us up along the way (If you do not turn to the inner light, Where will you turn?), always calling: "Journey far through strange country, Follow the light you barely see But which is the light of your life. Follow it across the desert of your heart Where wild beasts seek to devour you. There is no time, there is no time To hesitate. Now is the star's hour, Now you are called on a fool's journey Into a pig's pen and a child's strange And glorious presence." Thus speaks the angel Again and again, no matter how dark The darkest day, nothing changes. It is no different now. Now as always is the star's hour. Now as then a star is born to men To lead us on. A light that darkness Cannot overcome, despite us.

Love is not a sometimes thing, Though we abuse it like the earth. It is all we have to hold us up, And it always will. A star is always born.

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