

# THE SHINING LIGHT

We welcome baby Jesus, whose life began in a Manger;  
He is the Guiding Light who shines to every stranger.  
He grew up as a child in a humble abode  
Waiting for the day when His calling would unfold.

Then one night in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
As He knelt before His Father, a man of sorrow  
We see, yet earnestly He prayed,  
"Father, Your Will, not mine, be done"  
And He chose to become the sacrifice,  
The "Shining Light", for all mankind.

Body beaten and weary in heart,  
The Saviour chose to continue His ill-fated walk.  
The cost was great, but He paid the price, for His Heavenly  
Father was close by His side. He picked up His cross and  
Struggled along, knowing his journey would save mankind.

The soldiers laid His body upon the cruel bark of the tree.  
Piercing deep, they drove the nails into His hands and His feet.  
Did Jesus regret the choice He'd made, as He hung upon the cross, for all to see?

Over at last, Jesus cried out, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit"  
And He breathed His last! But He rose again as the "*Shining Light*."

We see in the Bible, Jesus' story unfolds, and that hearts are drawn to Him,  
As the records clearly show. From heaven to earth, to the cross, to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky where He now reigns on high.

And when Jesus comes knocking at your heart's door, what will He find?  
May He not find it too crowded with earthly things, but your heart open and ready to  
Receive His humble sacrifice of love. And He promises access to heaven's golden shores  
And amazing sights yet to be seen.

*John 8:12 – Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

*John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16-17 – For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*1 John 2:8 – Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.*

The word "JESUS" is rendered in a bold, stylized font. Each letter is composed of multiple overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in shades of orange, yellow, and light green, creating a vibrant, multi-colored effect. The letters are set against a white background.