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A shadow passes over my mind
And pauses.
That memory I had so well
Guarded
Returns. And it is
WAR — the ghost of Christmas past.

I walk along the path of life
And see
The life that we have made of fear
And greed
And hate. And it is
STRIFE — the vision of Christmas present.

I live with the hope of a new
Tomorrow
And a time when man will learn
To love
His brother. And it is
PEACE — the prayer of Christmas yet to come.

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