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The Candy Cane Mystery

The sweetness of the Candy Cane
Shows us how sweet's the name of Jesus,
And how in love he bears his pain;
He comes to earth, and frees us.
Lk 13:16, Jn 8:36, Ph 2:9-10

The whiteness of the cane within
Shows us the sinless purity that's his,
And how his Mother without sin,
Asks that our hearts be just like this.
Mt 11:29, Jn 2:5

The redness of three narrow bands
Flows as his blood from three sharp spikes
That penetrate his feet and hands
As full of pain the hammer strikes.
Jn 19:18

When with a lance his heart is pierced
And blood flows mixed with water
So there appears a red band fierce
To free God's sons and daughters.
Jn 19:34, Rv 5:9

The flavored mint tells of the gall,
And signifies the spice, the myrrh
That wise men brought to Jesus' stall
For him to be embalmed, interred
Mt 2:11, 27:34, Jn 19:40

The cane's a staff to help the stray
Of Jesus our "Good Shepherd"
Turned upside down it is a "J"
For "Jesus" our Good Shepherd Jn 10:11

Its hardness represents the Stone
Who's Jesus Christ Our Lord.
He is the Lamb upon his throne
And all the saints' reward.

Ps 118:22, Is 8:13-15, 28:16, Ac 4:11, Rm 9:32-33, 1P 2:4-8
Mt 21:42,44, Mk12:10-11, Lk 20:17-18, Jn 19:13

So one and all, remember this
At Christmas time and ever
The candy cane is more than myth
It tells of Christ's endeavor.
Jn 10:11, 15:12-13



TLC Mail



Dear TLC,
Is it myth, or truth that a woman usually menstruates or is fertile on her wedding night?

D.T.

TLC is not aware of any studies that confirm or deny this information. Many people say this is myth.

For women using the contraceptive pill this is not a concern. Current advertising for the pill promote the idea that women can have fewer periods. However, when using NFP it is known that stress can change the timing of menstruation and fertility.

TLC recently received an email saying: "Wedding planning is making life interesting. Because of my charting I know that my cycles moved by 3 days, and now I'll be fertile on our wedding night! I guess God just wants us to start a family soon!"

Dear TLC
I recently had a second miscarriage. I just wanted to share with you how difficult it is to have this experience at this time of the year. If your readers know of anyone going through a similar experience please tell them to not use the clichés: "think positive", "next time it'll be okay", "you have a child that's healthy", "just get over it", "that's God's plan"....

What I need is space. When I'm ready to talk I will.

S.W.



Christmas is a happy time; it's a sad time.
It's a quiet time; it's a busy time.
It's a silent time; it's a noisy time.
Christmas is different each and every time!

Emotions change from one extreme to another!
As we dash from one store to another.
Meet friends at one house or another.
And send Christmas cards to each other!

Much time is spent to find the right gift.
To know what to give is quite a gift.
To find the perfect gift is another gift.
Yet, to give our time to another is the best gift!