



Gus Antone

## *At the end of Advent: Christmas*

At the end of the road, there is no more road,  
but the end of the pilgrimage.  
After the Ascension, there is no more Ascension  
but there is the summit.  
At the end of night, there is no night  
but there is sunrise.  
At the end of winter, there is no winter  
but there is spring.  
At the end of death, there is no death  
but there is life.  
At the end of despair, there is no despair  
but there is hope.  
At the end of humanity, there is no man  
but there is God-man.  
At the end of Advent, there is no Advent  
but there is Christmas.

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## *Christmas, the great expectations...*

Adam and Eve break the law: "With sweat on your brow shall you eat your bread."  
Moses hesitates to strike the rock: "You shall not lead this assembly into the land I am giving them."  
The Israelites adore the golden calf: "My people, my chosen people, when will you come back to me?"  
David kills Uriah to wed his wife: Such a great king, falls from so high, in a hopeless state...  
Before Christmas, gloom...  
Christmas Arrives, a Child is born and the heavens light up...  
The great light of hope settles on earth.  
The Savior is born.  
From now on, all, men and women, may walk confidently towards the light.