

**WHAT GIFT?
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**What gift do you bring the Christ Child
As we celebrate His birth?
Have you gold, frankincense, and myrrh?
Just what do you have of worth?**

**“I have nothing worthy of Him.
I’m an ordinary man.
I have no special gift to give.”
Then God said, “HOLD OUT YOUR HAND.”**

**“THE SHEPHERDS BROUGHT WHAT WAS IN THEIR HAND,
A TINY LAMB AND A SHEPHERD’S STAFF.
SHOW ME WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND RIGHT NOW.
AT SUCH A GIFT I WILL NOT LAUGH.”**

**“But it’s not a chest of gold, Lord,
Precious incense or costly salve.”
“I DID NOT ASK GOLD OF THE SHEPHERDS.
I DO NOT ASK WHAT YOU DO NOT HAVE.”**

**“WHAT WORK DO YOU DO EVERY DAY?
WILL YOU OFFER THIS UNTO ME?”
Slowly I opened my hand to God,
“This is all I have, you see.”**

**“IT DOESN’T LOOK LIKE MUCH TO THE WORLD,
BUT WHEN GIVEN TO MY SON,
I WILL BLESS WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND.
THROUGH IT, MY WORK WILL BE DONE.”**