

That Star

Just as each snowflake is original,
different, unique, so each Christmas day
should be likewise: in gifts, spirit, and thought,
even if favorite hymns, songs, repeat.

It is slight *difference* in tradition
that makes repetition so exciting.
Such is the meaning of the wreath you hang,
or the song you sing to a child or self.

We celebrate our generosity,
family, friendships, and community.
That star atop a tree is our symbol
of common goal: to live with unity
in purpose, ambition, and brotherhood—
to live not as we might, but as we should.

~ Kevin T. McEneaney