

# The Silent Message - song lyrics

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THE SILENT MESSAGE.

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A mother sat with her child alone,  
Recalling the days that had fled,  
When husband and father was home by their side,  
Tho' living, but to them as dead.  
"Tell me, dear mamma, why he went away,"  
Asked the child as she sat on her knee;  
The mother, with tears in her eyes, then replied:  
"Was accused of a crime, had to flee;  
Tell her I'm innocent, those were his words  
Before that last purling, so hard;  
And he placed in your arms a doll, as you slept;  
It had Santa Claus' name on the card."

Refrain.

Darling, sleep; "it had Santa Claus' name on the card,  
It had Santa Claus' name on the card;  
'Twas the last that was done for you, my dear one-  
It had Santa Claus' name on the card."

A father, in a distant land,  
Away from his once happy home;  
Now trying to prove he was innocent,  
So he could return and atone.  
"I know they won't think that I'm guilty of crime,"  
Said the father and husband outcast.  
When a letter, unlooked for, was handed to him,  
Which proved he was guiltless at last.  
He hastened back home to his fond, loving wife,  
"Oh, where is our baby," he cried.  
"The baby is dead, she sleeps in the grave.  
With the doll and the card by her side." -Refrain.