

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN GERMANY

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It's Christmas time—and yet,
Familiar sights, familiar sounds, are
Mute to us on foreign ground.

At home your tree is lit, and gently
Winks, as laughter
Ripples forth in merry zest, and
Mirrored ornaments
Reflect the gaudy wrappings,
Abandoned and
Distressed, that once were
Guardians of the
Heart's intent—imparted with such
Heart-felt love by
Shared consent.

Our distant eyes and ears
Can neither see, nor hear, yon
Merriment and fun;
Nor share the
Tasty goodies as your
Holiday's begun,

Yet, glowing hearts of
Loved ones locked a
Continent apart -
Awash with Christ's abundant love -
Share solace through the
Tender mercies of his
Overflowing heart!