

To celebrate CAFOD's **World Gifts** range, a beautiful new Christmas carol has been written especially for schools and parishes to sing this Christmas.

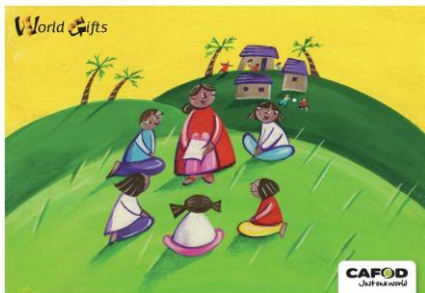
World Gifts make a huge difference to people living in poverty, from education gifts of school starter packs to livelihood gifts of piglets and cows - World Gifts are life changing.



The gift of mother and baby care

To celebrate CAFOD's World Gifts range, renowned composers Peter Rose and Anne Conlon have written **On A Cold, Dark Night** which is centred around the theme of gifts: the gifts brought to baby Jesus by the shepherds and the wise men; the gifts 'wrapped shining and new' which we give to each other on Christmas morning; the gift of himself which Christ gives to the world.

The carol expresses the hope for a better world which so many people feel:



The gift of teaching a child to read

*Maranatha! Maranatha!
In a waiting world, Lord, we long for your birth.
And we want to bring you a gift to honour your birth,
O Lord of the earth!*

It introduces the idea of a more just and peaceful world, the best gift we could possibly give to the new baby Jesus and to each other:

*We can give new hope to the poor of the world,
And the chains of debt we can release.
We can give new seeds and the water of life,
And with hand in hand, travel in peace,
To greet the Lord of the earth,
The new-born Lord of the earth!*



The gift of refuge

Peter and Anne's new carol perfectly captures the spirit of CAFOD's World Gifts and the **sheet music** is now available from Peter and Anne's publishing website:

www.roseconlonmusic.co.uk

A recording featuring St Augustine's RC High School Choir, Billington, can be accessed on YouTube for you to listen to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QL1HmNTPe0

On A Cold, Dark Night has been written by Peter Rose and Anne Conlon, who are renowned for their sacred and liturgical music as well as their ground-breaking environmental WWF musicals such as *Yanomamo*, *Ocean World*, *African Jigsaw* and *One Sun One World* which have been sung by hundreds of thousands of children throughout the world.