**Das Christkind**

Welcome ladies and gentlemen,

Girls and boys

To Christkindlmarket Des Moines

In the season of joys.

For the time has come

To light the tree

And open the doors

For all citizens to see.

An open-air market

With a long, long past

In cities throughout Europe

A tradition to last.

The first one in Nuremburg

A city of Germany

Where I, the Christkind,

Spread cheer and glee.

And now I come here

To this downtown square

Where the spirit of Christmas

Is in the air.

Wooden huts glow

With twinkling lights

Inside them find wares

And gifts that delight.

Roasted nuts you’ll see

Among European treats,

Such as sausages and pretzels,

Plus a bevy of sweets.

And if you feel the chill

Only winter can deliver

Sip warm Glühwein;

You won’t even shiver.

Celebrate this season

And together let’s join

For a German Christmas market

Right here in Des Moines.