The Christmas lights are twinkling and the days are full of cheer

And yet there are those moments, and I remember you’re not here.

Champagne flutes full of bubbles and turkeys by the dozen

Cards full of cheery messages, mince pies and mistletoe kisses

And still the ache that lingers and my mind is full of wishes.

I wish you were still here, by my side this yuletide time

And then the joy of Christmas could be also fully mine.

But shadows stray across my smiles as I hear a distant calling,

A voice I know and miss so much, reaching through the veil

To let me know you are still here throughout this Christmas tale

At moments I feel joyful, yes, full of Christmas fun

At moments it feels like Christmas is a marathon to run

Despite the jolly snowmen and the funny reindeer faces

It sometimes hard to raise a smile, to hide the sadness and the sorrow

And be the happy person that was there, with the promise of tomorrow,

Yet if I listen quietly I think I hear you say

“I’m still right here beside you, and I will be everyday”

through time and tide your love endures, staying safely in my heart,

Yes, even in the chaos that this madcap season brings

Your love shines brightly in my life, carried here on Christmas Angel wings.

***~ Carole Warren***