

**Thought for the day – Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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**Christmas is really for the children**

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Especially for children

who like animals, stables,

stars and babies wrapped

in swaddling clothes.

Then there are wise men,

Kings in fine robes,

humble shepherds and a

hint of rich perfume.

Easter is not really

for the children

unless accompanied by a

cream filled egg.

It has whips, blood, nails,

a spear and allegations

of body snatching.

It involves politics, God

and the sins of the world.

It is not good for people

Of a nervous disposition.

They would do better to

think on rabbits, chickens

and the first snowdrop

of spring.  
Or they'd do better to  
wait for a re-run of  
Christmas without asking  
too many questions about  
what Jesus did when he grew up  
or whether there's any connection.

Steve Turner    The Oxford book of Christmas Poems.

What do you think?