

**Thought for the day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

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**Christmas Traffic U.A. Fanthorpe**

'Three, two, one, zero. Lift off'  
Signals Mission Control. And off they go  
To the dark parts of the planets  
In their pressurized spacesuits  
Cocooned in technology, the astronauts.

Mission Control whispers in someone's ear.  
'Yes,' she says, 'I will.' And in due time  
A different traveller makes a quieter journey  
Arriving hungry, naked, true to instructions  
Docking on Earth, taking the one small step.

The Young Oxford Book of Christmas Poems

Do you remember the Moon landings?  
What about the incarnation and Mary's willingness to say 'Yes' to God.