

New Prince, New Pomp

By Robert Southwell

Behold a simple, tender Babe,

In freezing winter night,

In homely manger trembling

lies;

Alas! a piteous sight.

The inns are full; no man will

yield

This little Pilgrim bed;

But forced he is with silly

beasts

In crib to shroud his head.

Despise him not for lying
there;

First what he is inquire:

An Orient pearl is often found
In depth of dirty mire.

Weigh not his crib, his wooden
dish,

Nor beasts that by him feed;

Weigh not his mother's poor
attire,

Nor Joseph's simple weed
(garment).

This stable is a Prince's court,

The crib his chair of state;

The beasts are parcel of his
pomp,

The wooden dish his plate.

The persons in that poor attire
His royal liveries wear;

The Prince himself is come
from heaven:

This pomp is praised there.

With joy approach, O
Christian wight!

Do homage to thy King;

And highly praise this humble
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Which he from heaven doth
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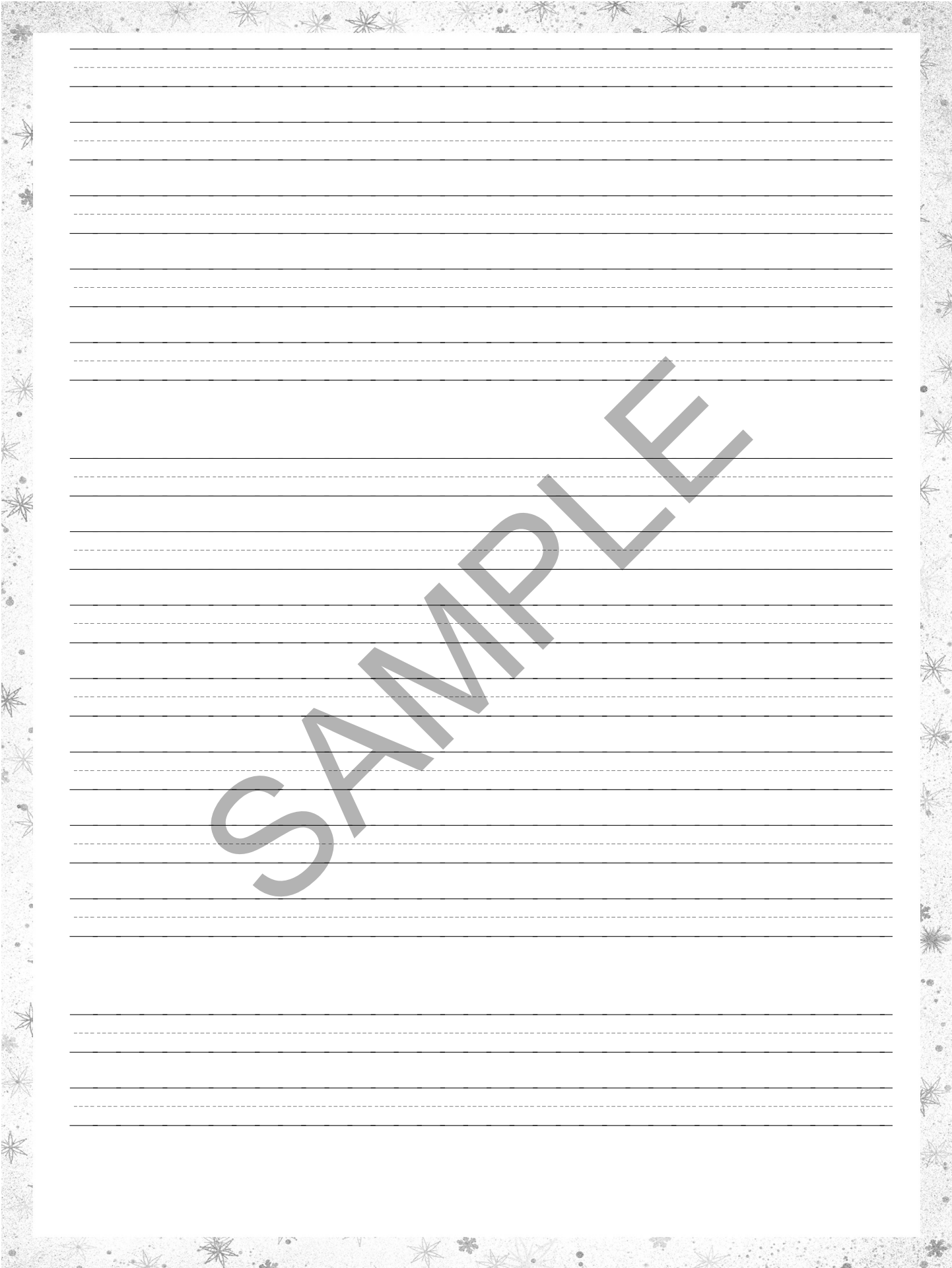
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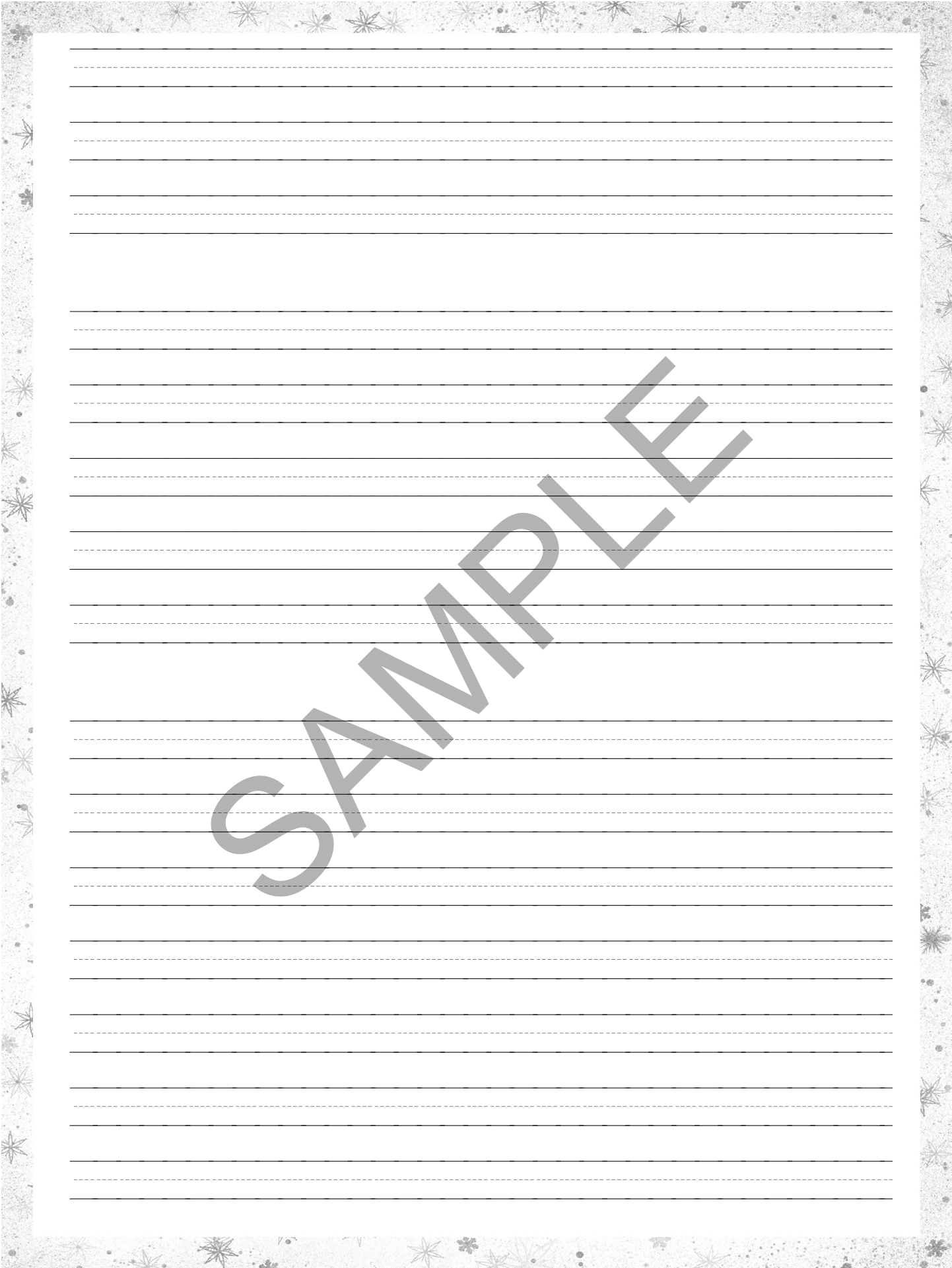
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