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in the past year.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

Bright as sparkling sunlight, the holiday spirit lights new friendship and rekindles old ones year after year. At this one season we pause to remember our friends....and to tell them that we are thinking of them...and this Christmas especially...we want to share with you the ageless and wonderful story of Christmas...the Carols...the joy of Christmastide. That your Christmas be the happiest and merriest ever is our Christmas wish for you.

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A Visit From St. Nicholas

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there,
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced through their heads,
And Mama in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter,
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutter and threw up the sash!
The moon, on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name—
"Now Dasher now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen,
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,
So up to the house top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too!
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof—
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound!
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry—
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow,
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath,
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shooked when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,

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