

# THE NIGHT BEFORE CRINGEMAS

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Twas the night before Cringemas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a animal.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St First name - someone you know soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of Noun - Plural danced in their heads.

And Someone famous in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the Noun there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the Adjective snow

Gave the lustre of mid-day to Noun - Plural below.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But

a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny animals - plural.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St Same first name as before.

More Adjective than Noun - Plural his Noun - Plural they came,

And he Verb - Past Tense, and Verb - Past Tense, and called them by name!

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Noun and Vixen!

On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, Noun and Blitzen!

To the top of the Noun! to the top of the wall!

Now Verb away! Verb away! Verb 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 Noun - Plural they flew,

With the sleigh full of Noun - Plural, and St Same first name as before too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The Verb - Present ends in ING and pawing of each little hoof.

As

I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St \_\_\_\_\_ Same first name as before \_\_\_\_\_ came with a bound.

He was dressed all in \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ and soot.

A bundle of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_, just opening his pack.

His \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ they twinkled! his dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ like a cherry!

His \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard of his chin was as \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ as the snow.

The stump of a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ like a wreath.

He had a broad \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ and a little round belly,

That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_!

He was \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And

I \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense when I saw him, in spite of myself!

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense all the stockings, then \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense with a jerk.

And laying his finger aside of his \_\_\_\_\_ body part,

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense out of sight,

"Happy Cringemas to all, and to all a good-night!"