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'Twas the night before \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_ when all thro'; the house

Not a creature was \_\_\_\_\_ Verb ending in ing \_\_\_\_\_ not even a mouse;

The stockings were \_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb \_\_\_\_\_ by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ soon would be there;

The children were nestled all \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ in their beds,

While visions of sugar plums danc'd in their heads,

And Mama in her \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ nap â??

When out \_\_\_\_\_ Preposition \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I

\_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb from the bed to \_\_\_\_\_ Verb what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun

Tore open the shutters, and threw up the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun.

The moon on the breast of the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective snow,

Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects \_\_\_\_\_ Preposition;

When, what to my \_\_\_\_\_ Verb ending in ing eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny \_\_\_\_\_ Animal plural

With a little \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective driver, so \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb and quick,

I knew in a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than \_\_\_\_\_ Animal plural his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name:

"Now! \_\_\_\_\_ Name of a person now! Dancer, now! Prancer and Vixen,

"On! \_\_\_\_\_ Name of a person on! Cupid, on! Donder and \_\_\_\_\_ Name of a person ;

"To the top of the porch! To the top of the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun

"Now \_\_\_\_\_ Verb away! \_\_\_\_\_ Verb away! \_\_\_\_\_ Verb away all!";

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

So up to the house-top the coursers they \_\_\_\_\_ Past tense verb

With the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun full of toys and St. Nicholas too:

And then in a \_\_\_\_\_ Verb ending in ing I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

\_\_\_\_\_ Preposition \_\_\_\_\_ the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound:

He was dress'd all in \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnish'd with ashes and soot;

A bundle of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ was flung on his back,

And he look'd like a \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_ just opening his pack:

His eyes â?? how they twinkled! His dimples: how merry,

His cheeks were like roses, his \_\_\_\_\_ Body part \_\_\_\_\_ like a cherry;

His droll little \_\_\_\_\_ Body part \_\_\_\_\_ was drawn up like a bow,

And

the beard of his chin was as \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held \_\_\_\_\_Adverb\_\_\_\_\_in his teeth,

And the smoke it \_\_\_\_\_Past tense verb\_\_\_\_\_his head like a wreath.

He had a \_\_\_\_\_Adjective\_\_\_\_\_face, and a little round belly

That \_\_\_\_\_Verb\_\_\_\_\_when he laugh'd, like a bowl full of jelly:

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_

And I \_\_\_\_\_Past tense verb\_\_\_\_\_when I saw him in spite of myself;

A wink of his \_\_\_\_\_Body part\_\_\_\_\_and a twist of his \_\_\_\_\_Body part\_\_\_\_\_

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to \_\_\_\_\_Verb\_\_\_\_\_.

He spoke not a \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_ but went straight to his work,



And fill'd all the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup>; then turn'd with a jerk,

And \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb ending in ing</sup> his finger aside of his nose

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprung to his sleigh, to his team gave a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup>

And \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Preposition</sup> they all flew, like the down of a thistle:

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight â??

Happy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Event</sup> to all, and to all a good night.