The Night Before Christmas

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'Twas the night before [holiday/Christmas], and all through the [noun/house],

Not a creature was [verb (no pronoun/existing)], not even a [pronoun/mouse];

The [pl. noun/stockings] were hung by the [noun/chimney] with care,

In hopes that [name/St. Nicholas] soon would be there;

The [pl. noun/children] were nestled all snug in their [pl. noun/beds],

While visions of [noun/sugar-plums] [past tense verb/danced] in their heads;

And mamma in her [adjective/kerchief], and I in my [adjective/cap],

Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the [place/in front/lawn] there arose such a [noun/clatter],

I [past tense verb/sprang] from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the [noun/window] I [past tense verb/flew] like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The [noun/moon] on the breast of the new fallen [noun/snow]

Gave the lustre of midday to objects below,

When, what to my wondering [pl. body part/eyes] should appear,

But a [adjective/miniature] sleigh, and eight [adjective/tiny] [pl. animal/reindeer],

With a little old [person/driver], so [adjective/merry] and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More [adj/rapid] than [pl. noun/eagles] his coursers they [past tense verb/came],