

VISIT FROM



ST. NICHOLAS

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It was the night before Christmas, when all thro  
the house  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse  
he stockings were hung by the chimney with  
hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there  
the children were nestled all snug in their



While visions of sugar-plums danced in their  
And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's  
When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter  
sprang from my bed to see what was the m  
way to the window I flew like a flash,



re open the shutters and threw up the sash,  
ve moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
ve a lustre of mid-day to objects below;  
hen, what to my wondering eyes should appear  
t a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny rein-deer,  
t a little old driver, so lively and quick.



knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
fore rapid than eagles his coursers they came  
d he whistled, and shouted, and called them by  
ow, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vi  
Comet, on! Cupid, on! Dunder and Blitz



he top of the porch, to the top of the wall!  
dash away, dash away, dash away all!"  
ry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
n they meet with an obstacle, mount to the  
up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too