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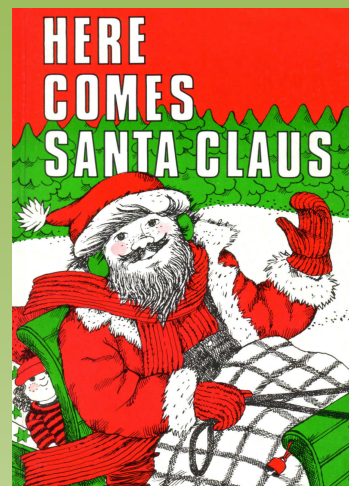
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We wish you a merry Christmas



1.-3. We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas, we wish you a Mer-ry



Christ-mas, we wish you a Mer-ry Christmas, and a Hap-py New Year.



Good tid-ings we bring for you and your kin, we



wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas and a Hap-py New Year.

1. We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
2. We want some Christmas pudding.
We want some Christmas pudding.
We want some Christmas pudding
and a cup of good cheer.
3. We won't go until we get some.
We won't go until we get some.
We won't go until we get some,
so bring it out here.
4. Good tidings¹ we bring
for you and your kin².
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



¹ good tidings: die frohe Botschaft

² kin: die Verwandtschaft

Stories

The elves and the shoemaker



You know boys and girls, no matter where you are from and no matter where you may now live: Christmas is a time for good cheer and happiness for all. And mothers and fathers throughout the ages have told their children special stories. And these stories have gone from one family to another and from one country to another. Now they are known all over the world. One of these stories is *The elves and the shoemaker*, which was first told hundreds of years ago in Germany. But nowadays it's known in every corner of the earth.

There was once a shoemaker who, through no fault of his own, had become so poor that, at last, he had only enough leather left to make one pair of shoes. That evening he cut out the shoes so he could work upon them the next morning. Then he lay down quietly, said his prayers and fell asleep.

In the morning he went into his shop to work upon the shoes. But what did he see? Why! The shoes were standing on the table all sewn and polished. The shoemaker was amazed. And he did not know what to think. Who could have done them for him? He picked the shoes up in his hand and examined them more closely. They were so neatly sewn that not a stitch was out of place. They had been done by a master hand.

Later that day a rich man came into the shoemaker's shop. He was so pleased with the pair of shoes that he paid twice the price for them. Now the shoemaker had enough money to buy leather for two pairs of shoes.



He cut them out in the evening and the next morning went into his shop to work upon them. But he had no need to. For when he got there, the shoes were already finished. Both pairs were so handsomely done that they were quickly sold. And then the shoemaker had enough money to buy leather for four pairs of shoes.

Again he cut the leather out in the evening, and again he found the shoes all finished the following day. And so it went on. What he cut out in the evening was finished in the morning. Soon the shoemaker was a rich man.



Dear Albert,
 Thank you so
 much for the de-
 lightful presents
 you continue to
 send me. I was
 so charmed by the
 five golden rings;
 they must have
 been terribly expen-
 sive - am I worth
 so much to you,
 my dear? My
 house is full of
 birds and trees
 now. Please stop
 sending any more.
 You know you
 shouldn't spend so
 much of your
 money on me.
 Love, Lucetta

"Quack, quack, quack." Although there was a terrible noise in her living room Lucetta thought that this noise had come from outside. She carefully opened the front door and almost slipped over a broken egg that lay on her doorstep. "Oh no, not again. Another six geese like yesterday. And what do you suggest I should do with those seven swans you keep chasing round my front garden?" she asked one of the three postmen.



"That's your problem," said her postman whose smile and friendly behaviour had totally disappeared. His uniform had that strange whitish green colour which the carpet in the living room was beginning to show, too. His hands were trembling as he handed her the receipt. "P-p-please sign here. This last week has taken ten years off my life. I think I'll have to retire soon." His two helpers started to shove the tree with the partridge, the two turtle doves, the three French hens, the four calling birds, and a small parcel with another FIVE GOLDEN RINGS, six geese ... and seven swans into the hall. Pressing their handkerchiefs to their noses, they rushed out of the hall as quickly as possible. While rushing off to get a shower, one of the unfortunate postmen slipped on one of the broken eggs that were lying all over the front garden. "I'll kill those birds," he cursed, while he was getting up again. Slowly he walked off with a limp, holding his aching back.

Inside the house Lucetta cursed at the birds, too. Two of the partridges were watching her amidst the mess. While Alphonso and Donald were fighting over Cecily, the prettiest partridge they had ever seen, Dick and Desmond kept calling, "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas!"

When Lucetta tried to make her way to the bedroom in order to write a rather unfriendly letter to Albert, she was almost hit by a bomb-like white little object. "Quack, quack," she heard from above. When she looked up she saw three geese swinging gently on the lamp.

By now her carpet reminded her of some of the modern paintings she never had understood. There were exciting patterns of white, green and yellow, with a little bit of the original red colour of the carpet.

Struggling hard, she managed somehow to reach the upper floor, two geese walking in front of her, four more geese and two French hens following her. The geese insisted on accompanying her into her bedroom. After a hard, unladylike struggle she managed to convince them that that was her room. While she was writing the letter, she could hear pecking noises on her bedroom door, which reminded her of a terrible film by Albert Hitchcock, or was it Alfred?

Dear Mr Twittle,
 I appreciate your
 affection for me.
 But please stop
 sending me these
 presents. The
 whole house is a
 mess and my bed-
 room is the only
 place that the
 birds have not
 taken over yet.
 But they are al-
 ready pecking at
 the door and try-
 ing hard to get
 in. Perhaps you
 would like to visit
 me. Then we could
 talk about the
 whole situation.
 Lucetta Smiles

"Tap, tap, tap." There was a gentle knocking on Lucetta's bedroom door. It didn't sound like the geese who had kept pecking her door all through the night. So she opened the door and, to her surprise, she saw a lady standing outside. Be-

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