



# A TEACHER'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

## 'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the school

Not a pupil was silent, no matter what rule.  
The children were dressed up in whites and in red  
While vacations visions danced 'round in their heads.

The teacher, who'd taught in the classroom for years,  
Had just settled down to work with her dears,  
When out in the hall there arose such a clatter  
Up sprang the kids to see what was the matter!

Away to the door they all flew like a flash.  
The one who was leading went down with a crash.  
Then what to their wondering eyes did they see  
But a stately and shapely tall, green Christmas tree.

When the good teacher saw this, her heart swelled with joy.  
She happily summoned each girl and each boy.  
More rapid than coursers, the little ones came,  
And the teacher responded and called them by name:

"Now Tommy! Now Sandy! Now Judy and Darrell!  
Stop, Billy! Stop Suzie! Stop, Donny and Carol!  
Now get to your places. Get away from the hall!  
Now get away! Get away! Get away, all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
The pupils, pell mell, started scurrying by.  
They ran to the blackboard and skipped down the aisle.  
Their faces were shining and each had a smile.

First came a basket of popcorn to string.  
Then came the Christmas tree — beautiful thing!  
As they bought the tree in, there arose a great shout.  
The pupils were merrily romping about.

The teacher and children with the greatest of glee  
Festooned with bright lights the divine Christmas tree.  
The colorful balls with great joy they all hung.  
The peppermint canes and the popcorn they strung.

When they placed the bright angel on top of the tree,  
The school bell rang out, and the children were free.  
Their shrill little voices soon faded away,  
And peace was restored at the end of the day.

As she looked at the Christmas tree, glistening and tall,  
The teacher called out, "Merry Christmas to all!"  
And after the furor, the frenzy, the fuss,  
We give every teacher a grade of A+!

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