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Pasher

The cold of winter comes with so much warmth Gift-giving makes children's smiles appear, bringing nothing but sunlight into the bitter cold that is wintertime Warming hearts with hot cocoa and fireplaces Those very hearts thawing during Christmas is almost impossible to avoid.

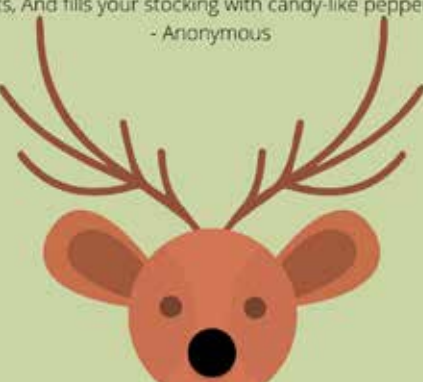
- Shaely Odean



Pancer

Christmas time;Trees, stockings, presents, reindeer, and candy. Only once a year this time comes, In December, though it may appear October for some, Candy canes and a star on your tree, Presents hopefully underneath. Naughty or nice, which will you be? Best leave that to Santa Claus and wait to see.Cookies won't necessarily help but they certainly won't hurt. Which list your on, come Christmas night.Make sure not to light your fireplace, Santa's bag doesn't have an extinguisher. Every Christmas night is a race, But Santa always manages to keep up the pace.Let's hope this year Santa brings you gifts, And fills your stocking with candy-like peppermints.

- Anonymous



Prancer

Students open their curtains to see snow dusting the rooftops.One of Iowa's weather storms has taken over the world!Quickly flipping the T.V. to the Channel 9 News,The flashing bar at the bottom of the screen reveals there is a snow day!The younger children squeal and gather their gear quickly,Begging to go outside and have winter adventures before the magic fades. The older children rush back to bed, Trying not to lose their sleep drunken state.The adults relax and watch the wonderland unfold.The worries of deadlines, homework, and tests fade,For the snow is here and it is time to have adventures and play.

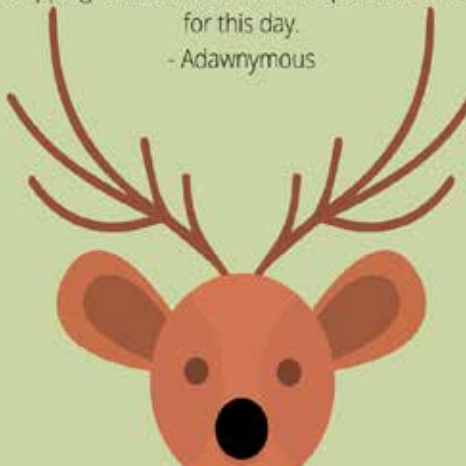
- Neva Kibler



Vixen

Light at first, a flake or three,Evenly it falls in sheets,Totally silent through the night, Inside a blanket, the world is wrapped, Tomorrow we shall wake to see... Snow on the ground heaps and heaps!Nothing compared to the happy faces,Of children stepping out to find...Winter has promised freedom only for this day.

- Adawnymous



Comet

One by one they fall.Open our months to catch just one.A snowflake; so small.Yet when many come together,Become much bigger.One by one they are bought.Touching the branch to see what falls.A tree; normally not looked upon.Yet now families come together,To make this tree better.One by one they are eaten.Smelling the baked goods through the floor.A cookie; sugar for days.Yet so many are made,To bring smiles to your face.

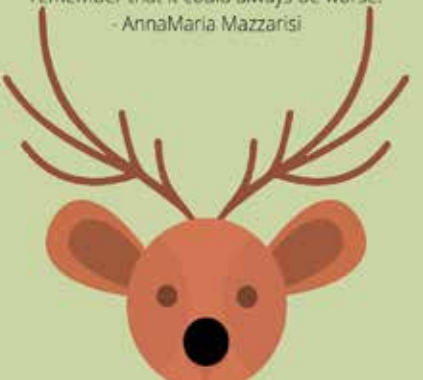
- Madison Benson



Cupid

It's the season where often families tend to get together a little more , there are holidays to be excited for, presents, food, Christmas movies, hot chocolate, and warm blankets and so much more but while being one of the most loved seasons it's also a very difficult season for a very large amount of people because some people can't all have those things that make winter and the holidays special. And some don't get to see or have a family to be able to sit down and spend time with. And some people can't afford all of the traditions, presents, warm clothes and more that are common around this season. Some people are out being selfless for our country and don't get to be here with their families for the good times and memories. Some people have family members they wish they could get back and spend time with around the holidays. A lot of different situations and a lot of different reasons to be thankful for what you have even if you don't have a ton, always remember to be extra kind to people you see outside, at school, at work, shopping, etc because you never know what someone else is going through. So put down your phone down more for the holidays and spend as much time as you can with the people you love because they won't always be there and always remember that it could always be worse.

- AnnaMaria Mazzarisi



Ponner

Come, take my hand  
And enter this winter wonderland  
Where carolers always a singin'  
And bells a ring-ring-ringin'  
The warn fire shines a light  
On this snowy winter's night  
Santa comes in white and red  
The parents tuck their kids into bed  
And awaiting morning day  
They open their presents and play  
For Christmas is a happy thing  
Joy on this holiday is a blessing  
So hear the angels mighty call  
"Merry Christmas, one and all."

- Kristin Varney



Blitzen

Oh God of capitalism  
Red and white  
Rapacious yet stainless  
Give unto me your boxes of paper and twine  
Hypnotize me with colored lights  
For I am rapacious, yet stainless  
And such things are becoming of me  
Plaster up the holes in my hands, let me cover my eyes  
Do not show your placid past  
Woe to the wanton coupling of Saturnalia and Yue  
Whose child suckles at a coin teat  
Who teeths at the grave of its forbearors in covetous euphoria  
Confer to me what you may give and I will offer up my hands  
Fill them with bread and you shall have sugar  
Copper and you shall have silver  
Gold and you may take my hands themselves  
But leave them empty and see the desecration of your fir alter  
So God of capitalism  
Red and white  
Rapacious and nearly stainless  
Give unto me your wealth of metal and ash  
Bewitch me with the blaze of lights  
For I am rapacious, and nearly stainless  
And such things are becoming of me

-April Lawyer



AND OUR 2019 WINTER REINDEER POEM CONTEST WINNER IS...

BROOKLYN LEAR

Rudolph  
Brooklyn Lear

THE SNOW IS FALLING DOWN ON ME DOWN UPON MY CHRISTMAS TREE.THE DECORATIONS ARE ALL HUNG,THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HAS BEGUN. SHOPPING AND WRAPPING AND SHOPPING SOME MORE,GIFTS AND GIFTS AND GIFTS GALORE,BUT ARE ALL THOSE THINGS A PART OF THE REASON FOR THIS TIME AND THIS SEASON? YES, GIFTS MIGHT BE FUN TO GIVE AND TO GET BUT THERE'S MORE TO CHRISTMAS THAN THAT, AND YET WE SPEND AND WE SPEND AND WE SPEND SOME MORE ON THINGS AND TOYS THAT COME FROM A STORE. BUT IF WE STOP THE RUSHING AND LISTEN, WE'D HEAR ALL OF THE LAUGHTER AND ALL OF THE CHEER FROM FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ALL HANGING TOGETHER INSIDE AND WARM AND SAFE FROM THE WEATHER SINGING AND DANCING AND HAVING A GREAT TIME THE SHARING OF A MEAL, IT IS ALL SO SUBLIME SO WHAT IS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS, I'LL TELL YOU IT'S SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO KNEW?

