'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Watch the video and complete the text.



By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a _____;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be _____;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their _____;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's _____,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the _____.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen _____
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny _____,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must _____ St. Nick.
More rapid _____ eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away _____!"

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As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane _____,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they _____,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the _____
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the _____ St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his _____,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his _____,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes - how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a _____!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the _____;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his _____,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round _____,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I _____ him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the _____; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he _____;

He sprang to his _____, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I _____ him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!

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