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'Twas the night before _____ holiday _____, when all through the house

Not a creature was _____ Verb Present ends in ING _____, not even a _____ animal _____;

The _____ Noun Plural _____ were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. _____ name _____ soon would be there;

The _____ Noun Plural _____ were _____ Verb Past Tense _____ all snug in their beds;

While visions of _____ food _____ danced in their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I _____ Verb Past Tense _____ from my _____ Noun Plural _____ to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the _____ of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,

When what to my wondering eyes did appear,

But

a _____ Adjective _____ sleigh and eight _____ Adjective _____ animal _____,

With a _____ Adjective _____ Adjective _____ driver so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.

More _____ Adjective _____ than _____ animal _____ his coursers they came,

And he _____ Verb Past Tense _____, and _____ Verb Past Tense _____, and called them by name:

"Now, _____ name _____! now, _____ name _____! now _____ name _____ and _____ !

On, _____ name _____! on, _____ name _____! on, _____ name _____ and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The _____ Verb Present ends in ING _____ and _____ Verb Present ends in ING _____ of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in _____ Noun Plural _____, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all _____ Adjective _____ with ashes and soot;

A

bundle of Noun Plural he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a job just opening his pack.

His eyes--how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!

His body part were like roses, his body part like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his body part was as Adjective as the snow;

He was Adjective and Adjective, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw 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;

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He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

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away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight--

"Merry holiday to all, and to all a good night!"