

December 2008

Santa's Christmas Bailout

**Santa couldn't figure,
why his costs were out of line.
But with Christmas coming,
he was running out of time.**

**Reindeer feed was way up,
sled maintenance was too.
Snow removal was atrocious,
toy payables were overdue.**

**And then there were the elf costs,
they don't work for free!
Their benefits were handsome,
but attitudes were quite contrary.**

**So Santa thought about it,
and consulted Mrs. Claus.
The holiday was drawing near,
enough to give one pause.**

**In a flash it dawned on him,
like a sky of Northern Lights,
"I'll ask for a bailout,
to save our Christmas night!"**

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**He filled out all the paperwork,
in triplicate, single spaced.
And then he waited patiently,
for the request to be well-placed.**

**The bureaucrat did finally call,
with apparently good news.
Santa's bailout was conditionally approved,
with just a couple of things to do.**

**Santa must divest himself
of his red suit and black boots.
He must make it look like,
financially, he was moot.**

**Rudolph must turn off his red nose,
an energy cost too high,
with possible global warming;
Santa let out a sigh.**

**But the list went on and on,
with requirements gone awry,
from reindeer shoes to elfin dues,
Santa's blood began to freeze-dry.**

**So Santa reconsidered,
his well-intentioned Christmas request.
He slept on it that night,
a wintry well deserved rest.**

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**When he awoke the next morning,
it had all become very clear.
He knew how he would deliver
the children's holiday cheer.**

**The elves agreed to work hard
to make the toys so dear,
and take their share of profits
from the tally of next year.**

**The reindeer were amenable,
to pulling the heavy sleigh,
if they could get an extra ration,
of next year's new mown hay.**

**Christmas night was cool and clear,
toys delivered without a glitch,
Santa's shout the usual,
"On Dasher, Dancer and of course Blitz!"**

**A Christmas tragedy averted,
without bailout nonetheless,
when we work together,
we know we are truly blessed.**

Mi-

Merry

Christmas


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Fri. Jan. 9 - Red Cross Apheresis
Blood Drive, Bushnell Recrea-
tion Center (by appt. only)

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♪♪ **Let It Go** ♪♪

(to the tune of "Let it Snow")



The economy is surely frightful,
And the markets almost spiteful.
We commiserate and share your woe.
Yes we know, feeling low, let it go.

Oh, it doesn't show signs of stopping,
With the dollar's value flopping.
We're aware of your status quo.
Yes we know, feeling low, let it go.

When you finally say, "Enough!"
And you really just want to cuss,
If the going gets way too tough,
You can still count upon us.

With retirement values dying,
All you think about is crying,
Oh, our sympathy is apropos,
Yes we know, feeling low, let it go.



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