



The Night Before Christmas

This puzzle is based on a classic piece of Christmas literature, "*The Night Before Christmas*." In many ways, this story helped define many of the modern Christmas traditions in North America. Use this puzzle to test your knowledge of this work by Clement Clarke Moore.

Note: Clues in italics are not directly related to the poem.

ACROSS

- 1 Sky
- 2 Santa's cheeks were like these
- 7 *A good Santa or turkey is this; post Christmas condition*
- 9 Santa aka "[A26] ____"
- 11 Children were this in their beds; cozy
- 12 eigh__, ten__, mo__
- 13 Dancing head visions
- 17 Santa's coursers were more rapid than these birds
- 19 "Springing on hind legs" reindeer; (sleigh puller #3)
- 21 *Siesta*
- 24 Foxy reindeer (sleigh puller #4)
- 26 Santa (literal translation); goes with 9 across
- 27 Black Santa Coating
- 28 "Air raid"-ing reindeer? (sleigh puller #8)
- 29 Mamma's head gear
- 31 Window covering thrown open
- 32 The reindeer not in this story

DOWN

- 1 "____ Christmas to all and to all a good night"
- 3 Egress
- 4 Santa's little mouth; whimsical
- 5 Reindeer were tiny, sleigh was this
- 6 "To the top of the porch, to the top of the ____"
- 8 Non-stirring rodent
- 10 Santa's entrance
- 14 Hooves were heard prancing and _____ on the roof (makes more sense if Santa used flying bears if you ask me).
- 15 Speedy reindeer? (sleigh puller #1)
- 16 Reindeer of love? (sleigh puller #6)
- 18 Location where clatter arose
- 20 Celestial reindeer? (sleigh puller #5)
- 22 *Disadvantage*
- 23 Santa's merry facial impressions
- 25 "Put-ter on-er" reindeer (sleigh puller #7)
- 26 *Stirred up a fire*
- 30 Santa is a "right jolly old ____"