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## Christmas Poems

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### **In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content:**

Christmas Poems by Ann Cobb OLD CHRISTMAS EVE (Night of January 5) The elder bush is all abloom, The cattle kneel and low, And Christian men are praying now The prayers of long ago. What lads is left have quit the ways They follered all the week, ?-drinking liquor fast and free, And shooting up the creek. For, spite of all their devilment, They keep Old Christmas true, ?-setting sober round the fire, Just like us old uns do. Old Christmas gives a body hairt To bide these changing days. Hit mought be, folks yon-side the sea Still foller ancient ways; Hit mought be, in the land of France, Our lads are kneeling low, And praying with their English kin The prayers of long ago. In the Kentucky mountains January 6 is still celebrated as Christmas. The old folks say: "Old Christmas Eve at midnight the cows kneel down and low and pray, and the elder-stalks put out a head of blossom—anybody can see that V stay up to look. Which proves that Old Christmas, not New Christmas, is real Christmas." 34 NEW CHRISTMAS Galloping out on the ridge's rim, Smashing our jugs on a hickory limb, P'inting our guns at the sun-ball's glim, Me and Wild Bill took Christmas. Yon side o' Pine Top we seed a quare sight, Troublesome school-house a-blazing with light, Crowded with people all civil and

bright Young uns a-taking Christmas. Holly and ivy boughs trailing around, Windows and postes in greenery bound, Bush full of pretties with candle-lights crowned Green things a-taking Christmas. Shepherds and kingly folk bowing so low, Babe in hits mother's arms rocked to and fro, Angels a-shining on humans below— Me and Bill seed a right Christmas. THE CHRISTMAS TREE UP SCUDDY The Girl from the Settlement "Is that the school-house right around the bend? Look at the people! Think we've dolls enough? I know there's plenty of candy." The Girl Teacher "Awful bad weather—too slick for the mules; But I knowed you'd come . . . You boys Let her in to the stove,—she's freezing. Yon's the tree." 35 The Settlement Girl "It's quite the prettiest tree I've ever seen; The strings of popcorn and of holly-berries. Now if the children will run out awhile, We'll get the trimmings on in just a jiff,— Santa Claus, too .... Oh, see that grand old man With the white beard! Please ask him if he would." Teacher (after the tree is trimmed) "Nary a twig but what's all sprangaley. Gee-oh! They shore will love the candle-lights; They've learned a few little ole sorry songs And pieces that might pleasure you, perhaps; And Granny '11 play her ole gourd fiddle some. Open the door .... No need to ring the bell." The Mother of a little girl with a big doll "Yon is the first store-poppet Cindy's had . . . Just an ole wooden one her daddy cyarved. Say thank ye to the lady, now— The cat has got her tongue;—she feels hit, jest the same." An Old Lady with a black shawl "I certainly am proud to have this shawl. Hit favors one my granny used to wear. I aim to put hit in the cherry chest And be laid out in hit, all proper neat." A Belated Young Man who is offered a top "Now, don't you worry, Ma'am, a single mite; That top '11 suit me for a keepsake fine. I jest stopped by to watch the little chaps— Somehow I always feel to, since the War." The Settlement Girl—her arms full "You're dear to give me all these lovely things. I'll cook the sausage round the fire to-night, And I'll munch apples as I ride along. Thank you all—heaps— Indeed I will come back!" The Old Man who was Santa Claus "A wonderment forever hit will be— This tree—to all us folk who witnessed hit. Peace and Good-Will seem nigher to the yearth? -making Merry Christmas for the babes." 36 ...

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