Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Emily Huntington Miller, “Lilly’s Secret,” 1865
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1. Jolly old Saint Nicholas, Lean your ear this way!
2. When the clock is striking twelve, When I’m fast asleep,
3. Susan wants a pair of skates, Johnny wants a dolly,

Don’t you tell a single soul What I’m going to say;
Down the chimney broad and black, With your pack you’ll creep;
Nellie wants a story-book, She thinks dolls are folly—

Christmas Eve is coming soon, Now you dear old man,
All the stockings you will see, Hang in a row,
As for me, my little brain Never was the wisest,

Whisper what you’ll bring to me, Tell me if you can.
Mine will be the shortest one, You’ll be sure to know.
Choose for me, old Santa Claus, What you think is nicest.

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