

# A Christmas Wish

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I like to exaggerate now and again,  
That I'm sat by the fireplace listening to the  
wren.

Not outside, where the wind seems most unwelcoming  
Where I, going to sleep, dream that hope is not  
coming.

This place is a dump, with no happiness at all  
Even the flowers aren't flourishing, but are beginning  
to fall.

Some people stare, some people roar,  
But the worst ones of all are the ones who  
ignore.

I can't vacate there's nowhere to go,  
It's Christmas eve and there's too much snow.  
The trains won't be running until Wednesday  
night,

Everywhere's closed, for the snow is not light.  
The cold, had foothold beneath my feet  
Feels exactly like me unloved, without heat.  
Through the windows of houses I see families  
in their homes

And at the front of the bank stands a  
dignified man selling gnomes  
Funny gnomes they were, all dressed in red  
And the salesman was calling "Comes inclusive  
with a sled."

Infallible? Not me, but I know the smell  
of this treat  
And I anticipate it is gingerbread. "So sweet!"  
The scent is so tempting, it's beckoning me,  
But I must restrain myself, I'll eat it all  
you see.

The passers-by, they didn't even see.

Pity, oh pity they didn't see me.

Blinded by their strict schedule, they carry on.

Yet they stop and listen to the carollers song.

Closer and closer I creep through the snow,

Closer and closer towards the baked dough.

Up the hill and around the bend,

Following my nose until I reach the end

Just ready to pounce and savour this  
dish

When out of the house comes my only  
real wish.

All dressed in green with little red stripes

Comes an elf full of smiles of different types.

She gave me a home and a happy life.

Now I help her in the bakery, cutting butter  
with a knife.

"Is it relevant," she asks me every now and  
again

"To have people live on streets, even more than  
ten?"

The answer is no, it cannot be

A substitution on the street, replacing me.

So emulate the elf and help the needy,

This Christmas take care of them and don't be  
greedy.