



## Merry Christmas!

HO, HO, HO! Merry Christmas! Oh, the halls of the Grand Palace are ringing with Christmas carols, and the hum of elves busy at work. Everyone is scurrying about, trying to finish their work before my midnight run on Christmas Eve. But work always goes faster and easier when there is music.

I love music. Especially Christmas carols. I never tire of hearing them. Especially when Elf Elsie plays the piano. Oh, I wish you could hear it. So beautiful. Whenever she starts playing, Elf Eddie picks up the bells and chimes in. Elf Eva plays guitar; Elf Evan the drums. And before you know it, all the elves are singing and dancing as they make the toys in the Toy Workshop. Oh, what a sight!

And then there's our big party, after Christmas. The Elf Band and the Elf Orchestra take turns playing. Elf Elsa plays the harp; Elf Ernest the trombone. The walls and the floors shake from all the elves dancing. But what a merry sound! Music is one of my favorite things about Christmas. Another is Mrs. Claus' cookies. HO, HO, HO! She wants to make sure I fit into my red Santa suit for Christmas, so she bakes lots and lots of Christmas cookies. Some of them look like snowballs, and some look like striped candy canes. But they're all delicious. Do you like cookies?

The other thing I love most about Christmas is traveling all over the world in my magic sleigh. I love to visit all the good boys and girls. That just warms my heart, to see the children happy and laughing. And you have been so good this year! I'm so proud of you!

Well, I'd better go out and check on the reindeer. They're warming up for their flight on Christmas Eve. They make music too! Every time they jump or run, the jingle bells around their necks ring! Nothing says Christmas more than the sound of jingle bells!

Stay good, and I'll see you Christmas Eve. And have a very Merry Christmas, filled with music, laughter, family, and good friends. That's really what Christmas is all about.

Love,

**Santa**

