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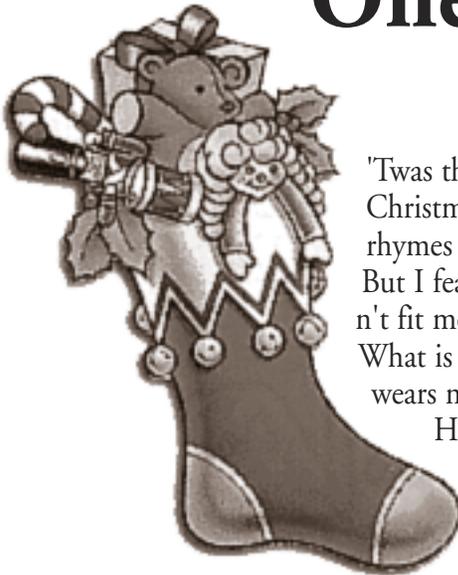
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THE LONGO LETTER

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One Crazy Cool Yule



'Twas the Night before
Christmas has lots of nice
rhymes
But I fear that the tale does-
n't fit modern times.
What is a kerchief? My dad
wears no cap.

He snores the whole
night, no way it's
a nap.

They tell me that

Santa is coming tonight.
He'll be flying in here on a sleigh. Yeah, RIGHT!
When I was much younger I believed all that stuff,
Now that I'm older I know it's a bluff.

As this Christmas eve is going so slow
I sneak down the stairs to watch HBO.
I listen for sounds throughout our big house.
My mom would go crazy if we had a mouse.

All of a sudden I hear the floor squeak
Someone is coming, sneaky, sneak.
And then as my heart leaps up to my throat
I see a fat man in a funny red coat.

His belt buckle shakes as he laughs, look at that.
My gosh this jolly old guy sure is fat.

He looks up. He sees me and gives a big smile.
Says, "I came to see you. Let's talk for a while.

"You're one grown up child that doesn't believe
That Santa Claus comes on each Christmas eve.
You're a big girl. Your mind's filled with doubt.
It's simple, without me the joy is left out.

"I remember the time you sat on my knee
A smile on your face, eyes sparkling with glee.
Don't you remember the thrill you felt then?
With a little belief you can feel it again.

"Santa Claus comes for each child at the start.
The rest of their lives I live in their heart.
If you are a youngster or wrinkled old guy
You still can hear sleigh bells ring cross the sky."

Then Santa shouts, "It's true some things change.
But believe in the basics." As he speeds out of range.
Then I hear repeated, as my willing ears strain,
The words I now love, my favorite refrain.

'Twas the Night before Christmas has some things
outdated
But The Story, dear folks, is not overrated.
Throw open the window, and rejoice in the sight!
**"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A
GOOD-NIGHT!"**