



A Christmas  
Abecedary

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# Presentiment

Oh thank you, my darling! Who knew it?  
All my fancies you could intuit:  
A bird one can shoot,  
With its own set of fruit  
Is exactly the gift that'll do it.

With tree that I really adore,  
And a pot, so it stands on the floor,  
This feathery treat  
Has made life complete.  
I shan't want for anything more.

# The Queen's Speech

This year in RHYMING COUPLETS (read aloud!)

At Christmas time one does this talk  
Just after lunch, at three o'clock.

And on this very special day  
I'll say that one (though meaning 'I')

Has done one's annual royal check -  
- Looking forward, looking back -

And thus conclude that in the main  
Our country's future's looking fine.

The National Anthem at the end  
Will tell you all it's time to stand.



## Ruminants

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer  
Had a rather slimy nose.  
And if you ever saw it,  
You would surely say, 'It flows!'

Soon all the other reindeer  
Had a dose of sniffing too.  
And that's how Father Christmas  
First discovered Reindeer Flu.

# Stuffing Nonsense

Stuff the stocking,  
Stick the stuffing,  
Stack the shopping,  
Stir the stock.

Spitting stuffing,  
Snagging stocking,  
Slacking, stropping,  
S'time to stop.



# Tinselitis

The house that once was wreathed in gloom  
Is now festooned in every room  
With flashing lights and gold detritus ~  
Nasty case of tinselitis.



# Underwreath

Under the tree, a parcel.

Under the trappings, a gift.

Under the breath, a whisper.

Under the wreath, a kiss.

