

Amsterdam December 31st

Master Dick.

A happy Christmas to you my dear boy,
Your stockings full of good things.

A happy Christmas to you my dear Dick,
And may you play many a funny trick.
You must laugh and sing and dance and play,
And enjoy yourself finely while you may.
I hope the weather will be more pleasant,
Than it has been this week, or is at present;
So that you boys can go wherever you please,
Without being afraid that you will freeze.
I think you have been a good boy this year,
And I've brought good things your Christmas to cheer;
I hope you'll enjoy them with all your might—
And always endeavor to do what is right;
You must continue to be a good boy;
Then each Christmas you'll be sure to enjoy,
A pretty good share of my candies and cakes,
And other good things that Santa Claus makes.

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