

JUNE'S GARDEN

'Twas the night before Christmas and
all through the shop,
Not a creature was stirring not even
the mop;

No stockings were hung by the chimney
with care,
As St. Nicholas would really never
be there.

Tea cups, coffee mugs all nestled snug
in their beds,
Three mice dreamed of sugar-cubes
dancing around in their heads;

Rats played parcheesi, the old gray cat
purred,
While eying a row of ceramic
pie black-birds;

On long shelves were all sorts of
things folks like to brew,
A small round table held holly, a
mug and a puzzle or two;

Under the table lay a sleeping fairy
named Pat,
All settled in for a long winter's
nap;

All of a sudden a wizard
appeared,
Red suited, white bearded, not one to
be feared;

He spoke not a word, just a
chuckle or more,
And pointed the way to follow
him out the front door;

Coffee pots, tea sets, three mice and
the rats,
The row of black pie birds, the fairy
called Pat and the old gray cat,
The small round table, holly and
mug plus a puzzle or two,
And all other things that folks like
to brew;

Hurriedly scampered across the old
wooden floor,
To follow the wizard out the
front door;

He circled them under an evergreen
tree, its branches tattered and tall,
Not a spruce nor a pine but some
kind of fir, does that matter at all;

With a wink and a nod and
circling dances,
Strands of limpets swung free
hanging from its branches;

Oyster shells, clam shells and
other free gifts,
Flotsam and jetsam gathered
along tides' drifts,

He laid the shells on top of the
boughs and filled them with seed,
This awakened the birds that were perched
in the tree to have a delightful gourmet feed;

He pointed a wand that he pulled from
his sleeve,
And a twinkling star fell
on top of the tree;

A long sweeping gesture with
his hat in his hand,
Turned his story of fantasy
into granules of sand.



"Happy Jolly Holidays to all
and to all a good night."

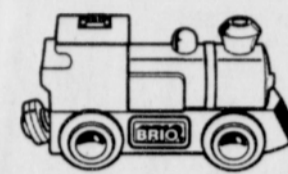
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