



**SANTA'S CALL**

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WHEN Bobby wrote to Santa Claus,  
Inviting him to call,  
Bob's mother said that Santa would  
If Bobby only would be good,  
Which is the way that mothers should  
Reply to urchins small  
Who write a note to Santa Claus,  
Expecting him to call.

When Santa Claus got Bobby's note,  
He chuckled quite a lot;  
Down at his typewriter he sat  
And wrote an answer, saying that  
He'd love to call and have a chat,  
He'd be there on the dot;  
For somehow Bobby's little note  
Had hit his tender spot.

I know not why a typewriter  
Was put to such a use.  
To answer thus a social note  
Would get 'most anybody's goat.  
For rank, bad form it has my vote;  
'Twas socially obtuse;  
But Santa is a busy man  
And that was his excuse.

On Christmas Santa Claus dropped in,  
Down through the chimney flue.  
He told such tales of land and sea  
That Bobby often murmured "Gee!"  
And Bobby's sister laughed in glee—  
I'm sure that you would, too;  
And if you'd write to Santa Claus,  
Perhaps he'd call on you.



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