

The Night Before Christmas Challenge 2023

Members:	
Linda Robinson	1. 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
Belinda Burtson	2. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
Barbara Western	3. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
Terri Feola	4. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
Teresa Risley	5. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Arlene King	6. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
Marilyn Sanson	6. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
Carol Holladay	7. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
Donita Whelan	9. With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
Jan Sernett	10. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name; 11. "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
Jeannine Lloyd	12. To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
Dale Shinneman	13. As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky; 14. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.
Suzy Tankersley	15. And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
Cathy Lee	16. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
Karen Arnold	17. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
Barbara Goodrich	18. A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
Noel Keith	19. His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! 20. His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
Berta Keeler	21. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
Pat Mattessich	22. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
Cathy DiBernardo	23. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
Terry Richey	24. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
Gaynell Dorrance	25. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
Sue Ellen Romanowski	26. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
Nancy Sellers	27. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
Vicki Swanson	28. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

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Criteria for "A Visit from St. Nicholas" quilts:

- Create a quilt sized 24" wide and 30" tall that represents your stanza.
- Do NOT include your stanza on the quilt.
- Must include a miniature quilt, quilt block or quilted image somewhere in the quilt.
- Place a 4" sleeve on the back of the quilt, and a label.
- Bring finished quilt to the May 2023 guild meeting.
- Stanzas have been assigned randomly, you can trade stanzas with another quilter if you wish, but please let Nancy and Jeannine know if you have traded.
- These quilts will be on display at the 2023 Towpath Quilt Show in a special exhibit area and will not be part of the voting or judging at the show.