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Joe's Christmas Day

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My Grandpa says on Christmas Day
He wants all sad things put away.
The house must be chock-full of boys
And girls, and games, and fun, and noise.

One time I said to him quite low,
"Say, Grandpa, may I bring lame Joe?
In all his life, I heard Joe say,
He's never had a Christmas Day!"

Grandpa just squeezed my hand so tight,
And shut his eyes like it was right,
And then a tear rolled down his cheek —
I guess my Grandpa's eyes are weak.

"Why, bless your heart, of course you may!
We'll give him a great Christmas Day!
Bring all the girls and boys you know,
And don't forget to bring lame Joe!"

When I told Joe, his face got red
And white, and then he rubbed his head
And blinked his eyes and shook all through.
He couldn't think 'twas really true.



But when we got to Grandpa's — say,
Joe surely had a Christmas Day!
My Grandpa knows nice things to do —
He said he'd be Joe's Grandpa, too!

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