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The Tardy Santa Claus

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I am a little Santa Claus
Who somehow got belated;
My reindeer didn't come in time,
And so of course I waited.
I found your chimneys plastered tight,
Your stockings put away,



I heard you talking of the gifts
You had on Christmas day;
So will you please to take me in
And keep me till November?
I'd rather start Thanksgiving day
Than miss you *next* December!

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