



Why Willie and Lillie Were Late

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1. It snowed all night, it snowed all day, it snowed a week or so ;
The children put their snowshoes on, they're not afraid--- Oh no



2. And Toby followed them until he fell into a bank,
When Lillie tried to pull him out she tripped, and down she sank.



3. Poor Willie couldn't help her up although he tried and tried.
"Help, help!" called Will, then all at once way up on high, he spied



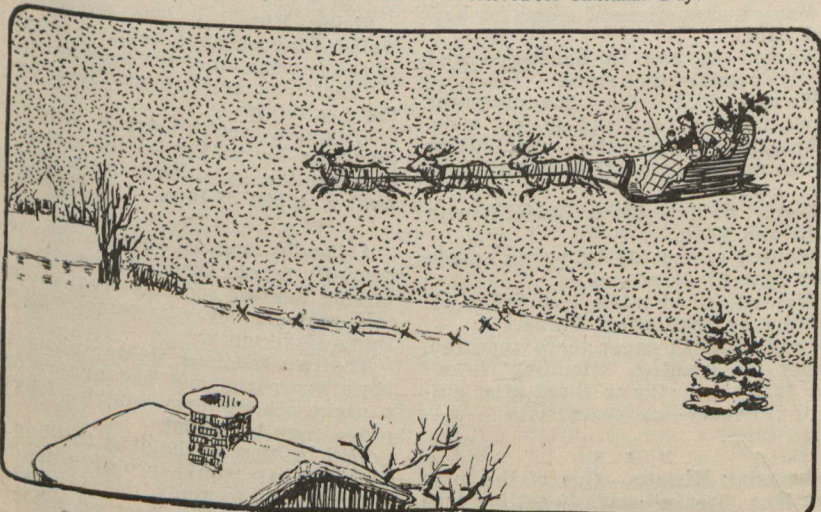
4. Old Santa Claus with sleigh and deer a skimming through the skies,
He quickly glided to the earth when he heard Willie's cries.



5. And then he pulled poor Lillie out and set her on the sleigh,
With all the toys and dolls and books reserved for Christmas Day.



6. Then Willie sat by Santa Claus while Toby jumped behind,
And Santa tucked them snugly in,---He was most awfully kind!



7. He cracked his whip, and off they flew at sixty miles an hour,
And when they reached the school house roof they lighted by the tower.



8. "Just take this sack," said Santa Claus. "And don't forget the date,
For no one minds at Christmas time if you are rather late."