

Let's Talk Gardening

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Third Annual Christmas Poem

Putting this after-Christmas poem together has become something of a ritual for me. I really enjoy doing it and it's always a challenge to get it to encompass everything that happened over the holidays yet be kinda light and hopefully humorous. My apologies to my wife who is a former English teacher and to any English or grammar teacher I ever had in school.

Well, Christmas came and Christmas went,
And presents galore were found,
The outside lights were all aglow,
On the house and on the ground.

The kids went wild when ol' Santa came,
With the wrapping paper asunder.
There was so much yelling going on,
I doubt we coulda heard it thunder.

We started decorating for Christmas this year,
The day after Thanksgiving, I recall.
Because we had our first party to host,
And wanted a good time to be had by all.

The first one was for only a few people,
Ones that we've both known for years.
We shared lots of memories and stories,
We laughed and we shed a few tears.

The big one came just a week later,
For about 70 of our friends of the dirt.
Each of them brought along something,
To share, eat and drink, or spread mirth.

This big one we started quite early,
About 3 pm on that day.
And it was all over by 8:30,
With everything cleaned and put away.

I finished the presents I was making,
For about 40 of our family and friends.
It's a table decoration with 10 pieces,
All painted and glittered on the ends.

The main thing I learned this year making,
This present for one and for all.
Was that 400 pieces was too many,
They were scattered all over the hall.

On Christmas day we departed,
And spent it with family.
And ate and drank way too much,
Of the great Christmas goodies, you see.
The hors d' oeuvres, the veggies and turkey,
The wine and other libations,
All blended together quite easily.
In fact, beyond all limitations.

Being over-stuffed and quite miserable,
We hitched up the buggy with glee.
Vowing never again to eat that much,
Well, maybe next year. We'll see.

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