

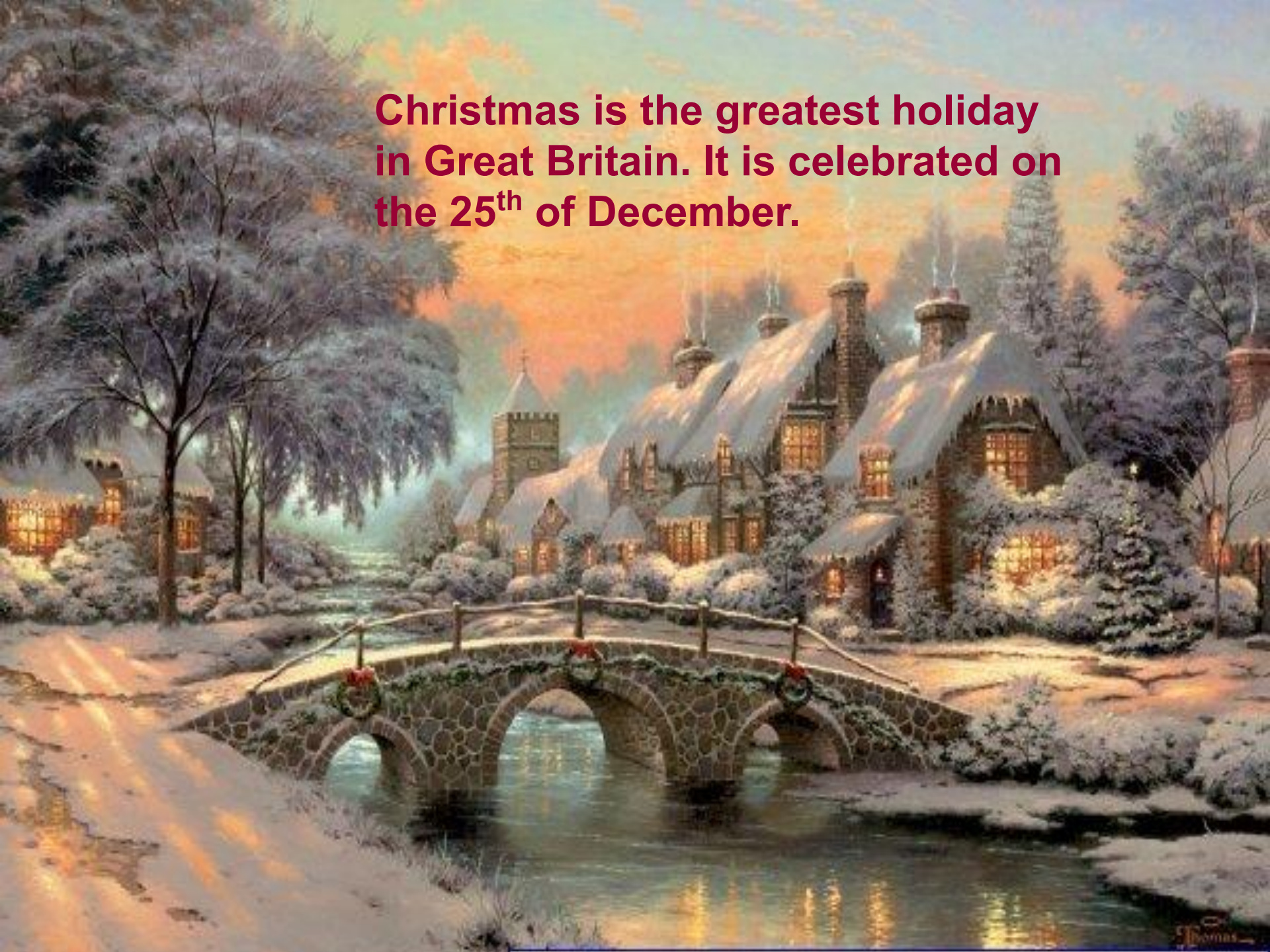
CHRISTMAS.



**This is the season
When children ski.
And Santa Claus brings
The Christmas tree.**



**Christmas is the greatest holiday
in Great Britain. It is celebrated on
the 25th of December.**





Christmas is a religious holiday, because it is the day that Christians celebrate the birth of **Jesus Christ**.



FATHER CHRISTMAS

He has a white beard and white and red clothes. He is always merry.



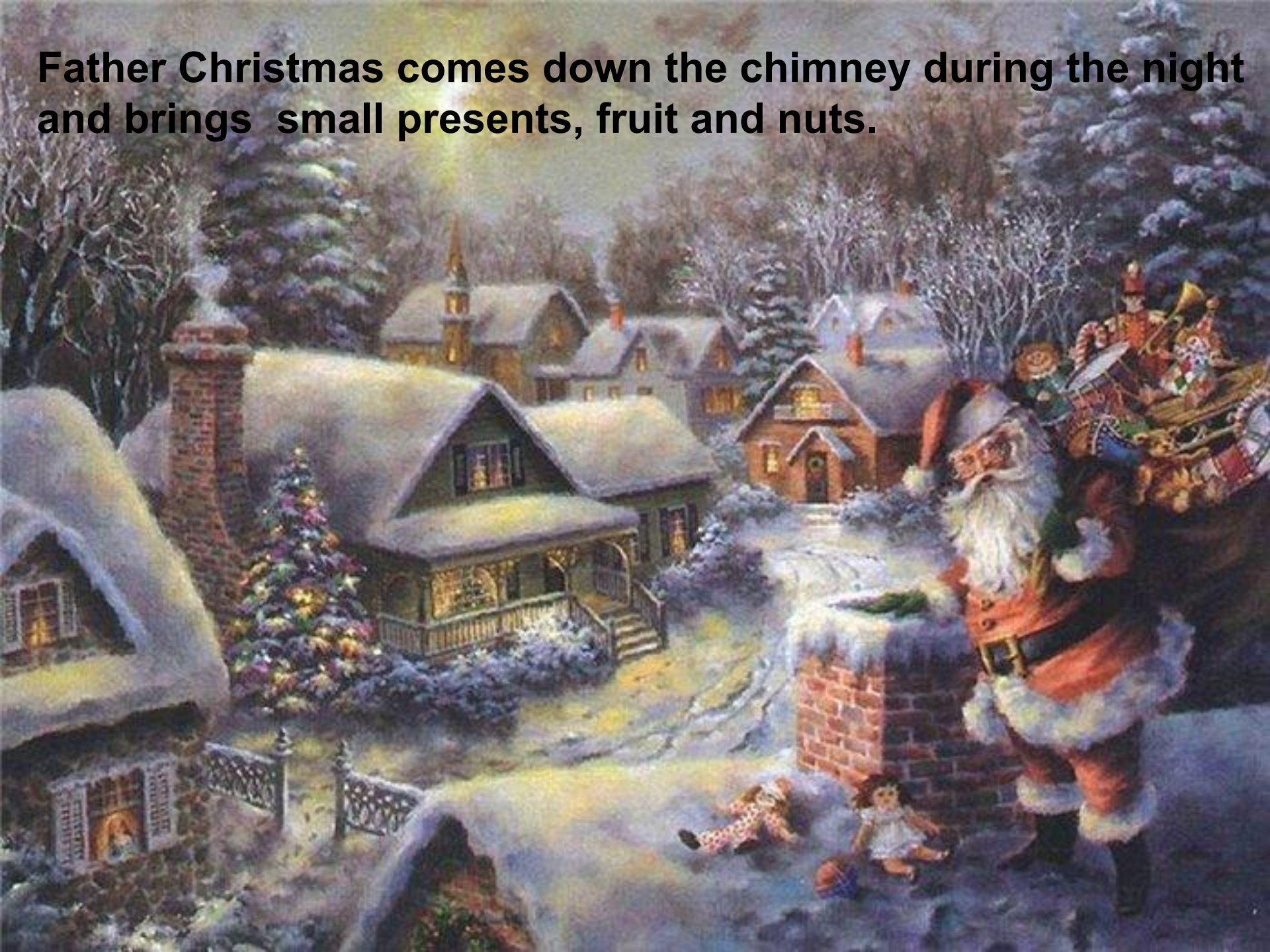
He comes from the North Pole. He brings presents for the children.



**A good time is coming,
I wish it were here
The very best time
In the whole of the year.**

**I am counting each day
On my fingers and thumbs –
The weeks that must pass
Before Santa Claus comes.**

Father Christmas comes down the chimney during the night and brings small presents, fruit and nuts.







CHRISTMAS TREE.



Before Christmas people place the evergreen tree in their homes. They place a shining star at the top of the Christmas tree.





Children decorate the Christmas tree with shining balls (red, blue, yellow).

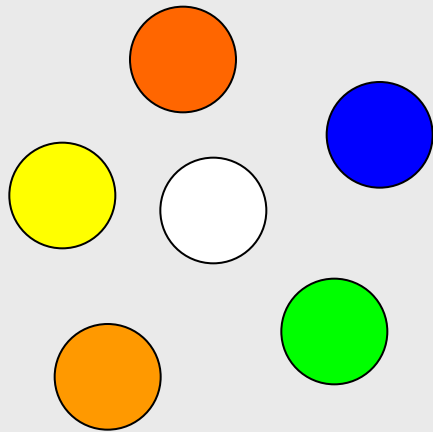


Bells

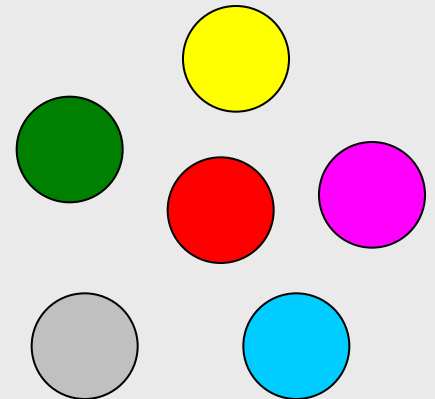
**They also decorate
the Christmas tree
with bells.**



Let's decorate Christmas tree



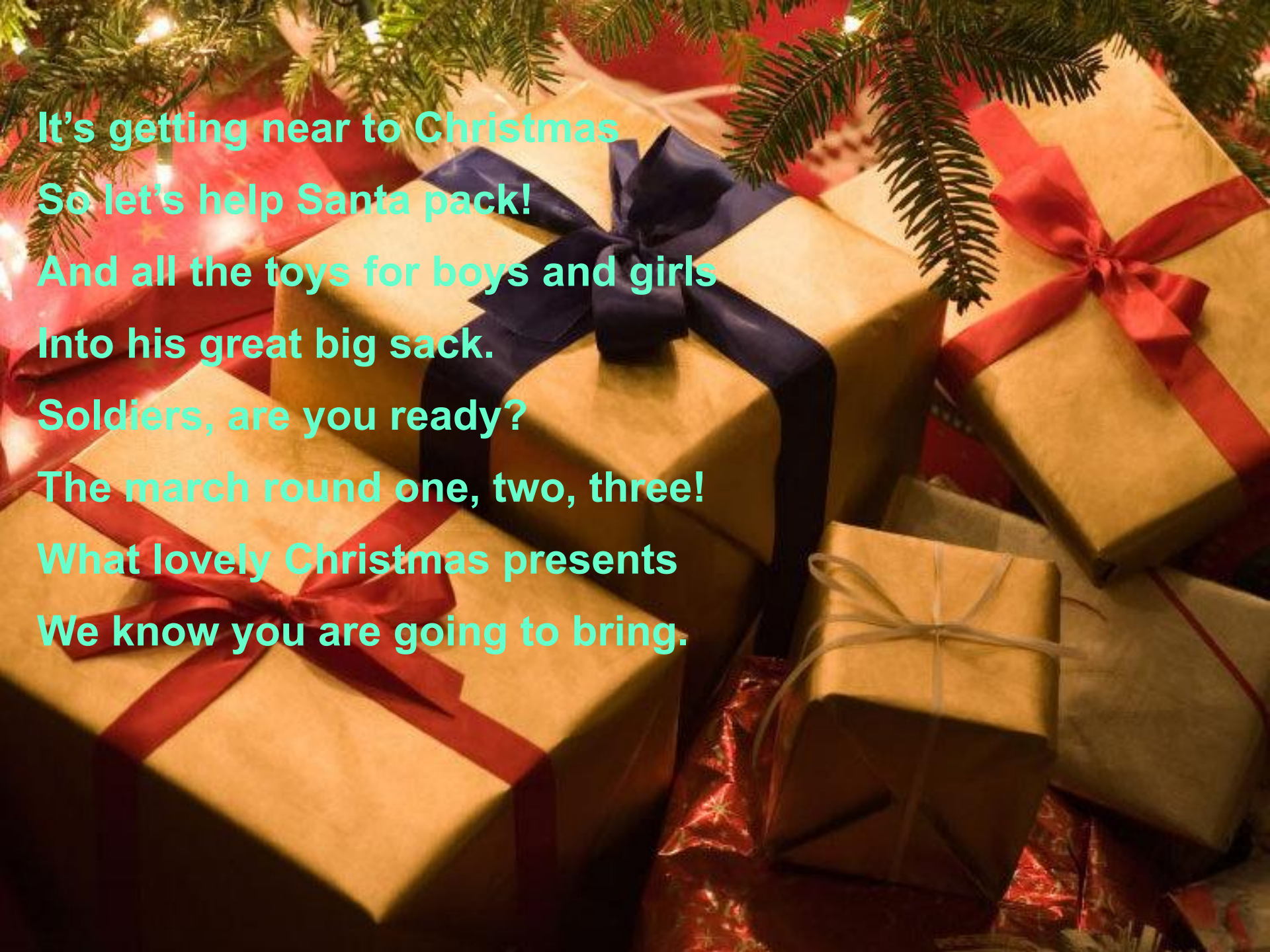
I take a
... ball
and put it
on the
tree.



CHRISTMAS STOCKING.



In the evening of 24th of December children hang their Christmas stockings on their beds or put them under the Christmas tree. A Christmas stocking is not a real stocking. It is big and beautifully decorated.



**It's getting near to Christmas
So let's help Santa pack!
And all the toys for boys and girls
Into his great big sack.
Soldiers, are you ready?
The march round one, two, three!
What lovely Christmas presents
We know you are going to bring.**

Cookies for Santa.



Children leave cookies on the fire-place to thank Santa (Father Christmas) for his work, which he does every Christmas.





CHRISTMAS CARD.

Every English family sends and receives many Christmas cards. Traditionally there is a robin on almost every card. A robin is a Christmas bird. You can read on the card «Merry Christmas!»



Post Card

F. L. ...
...
...

ADDRESS _____



Merry Christmas!
Sending you warm,
holiday wishes with
this gingerbread cookie
I created on-line just
for you.

~ Me

...
...



Christmas pudding.



Christmas pudding was first made many years ago. Now it is the highlight of Christmas dinner. Children often put Holly on the pudding. Traditionally a coin is placed into the pudding. It brings good luck.



Christmas Turkey.

A traditional Christmas dinner is turkey.



CHRISTMAS EVE.



Christmas Eve is on the 24th of December. On this day everybody is very busy and in a hurry.



BOXING DAY.



Boxing Day comes after the Christmas Day. It is on the 26th of December. People give and receives Christmas cards and Christmas boxes.



We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas (3)

And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings to you wherever you are

Good tidings for Christmas

And a Happy New Year.

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And a Happy New Year.



Candles.





On Christmas Day people like to light candles.

Poinsettia.



People use poinsettia to decorate their homes. It symbolizes the star of Bethlehem.





HOLLY.

Holly is an evergreen plant with sharp leaves and red berries. People use holly to decorate their homes. Holly is the symbol of peace and joy. Holly protects a home from thunder and witches.





Yule log.

It is a piece of wood which people traditionally burn in the fire-place on Christmas Eve.





**New things to learn, new things to meet
New songs to sing, new books to read
New things to see, new friends to hear
New things to do in this New Year!**



New Year Day, happy day!

We are all glad and very gay!

We all dance and sing and say:

“Welcome! Welcome! New Year Day!”





**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !**