



### Tax on Santa Claus

I'm writing out a letter For Santa Claus, no less, He needs relief from taxes, For his Christmas giving mess.

For every little present, To every girl and boy, Inflation smacks and takes a tax On every little toy.

To lower this inflation stuff, Before he fills his sacks, They could treat him nice with a lower price If it wasn't for the tax.

Now if Santa should stop giving To all his girls and boys It will be no joke if he goes broke And can't afford the toys.

So, he's asking for less taxes So he can stay afloat, Inflation soars, unemployment roars, And taxes rock the boat.

Victor Smith  
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### A letter from Santa

Dear Sir,

Every year, my job in Canada becomes a little bit harder, in spite of—or perhaps because of—our vast technological achievements.

You see, each year, I receive a larger number of heartbreaking letters from young folk who say they could manage without Christmas presents if only I could send Daddy back. My research shows that Daddy was in a fatal traffic accident, and it is very hard for a little one to understand how it is Daddy can go off to work, fishing, shopping etc. right as rain, but never come back.

Through the pages of your paper, may I ask for the help of all the drivers in your coverage area? We have just come through Safe Driving Week in Canada, and everybody has seen a barrage of safety messages. Please remember them, not only through the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, but all through 1975.

Then, I will be better able to concentrate on finding the kind of gifts that make up the more routine requests from our children. Let's have no more sad, desperate faces at Christmas time.

Wishing you and yours a very merry and safe Christmas!

Ho, Ho, Ho,  
Santa Claus

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