

## 6 Poems for the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas

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### 1. Christmas Past

Shoppers busy, rushing around  
Buying last minute gifts  
Checking names on cards  
Finalising Christmas lists  
Wines, spirits, beers, soft drinks  
Hairdresser appointments booked  
More food and drinks ordered  
Nothing can be overlooked  
Presents carefully wrapped then hidden  
They must be out of sight  
Christmas tree decorated, candles ready  
And every indoor and outdoor light  
Carol concerts, works parties attended  
Sparkling Christmas jumpers worn  
Nativity plays with packed audiences  
Admiring stable where Jesus was born  
Big family gathering around the banquet  
It's the Christmas dinner  
Later, children playing new electronic games  
Everyone's a winner  
Toddler bored with Santa's toy  
Preferring the giant cardboard box  
Adults moaning about Aunty Mary's  
Traditional gift of woollen socks  
Twelve days nearly over  
Thank goodness holiday abroad has been arranged  
Big sales in shops  
Unwanted Christmas presents have been exchanged  
Discarded wrapping paper  
Uneaten food dumped in the overflowing bin  
Later this year, all these commercial  
And wonderful traditions will again begin.

## **2. Christmas Present**

Some shops are closed or with reduced hours  
Hard times are ahead  
Businesses have disappeared, jobs gone  
An unknown world many dread  
Christmas is coming, decorations and lights ready  
Is Santa feeling well?  
Many questions posed  
Can he leave his land and travel during Noel?  
Essential shopping has to be done  
Remember to wear masks in the shop  
Presents no longer important  
Social gatherings and luxuries have had to stop  
Family, key workers and the vulnerable are our priority,  
Not to be taken for granted  
Whilst many children and adults  
Have become increasingly disenchanted.  
A traditional Christmas dinner  
Our immediate family still enjoys  
And at home sings carols, plays games  
Appreciates last year's toys  
No woollen socks this Christmas  
From our beloved Aunty Mary  
But on our family walk  
We will definitely visit the cemetery  
Holidays abroad?  
Most certainly out of the question  
Local countryside venues  
Becoming an alternative suggestion  
During the twelve days this Christmas  
We are poignantly reminiscing  
Dreaming of previous year's activities  
Which we are missing.

### **3. Christmas Future**

Charities supported and greatly appreciated

**C**herishing priceless times with loved ones

**H**oly time for many, whatever our ages

**H**elping those who need our help

**R**oast Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and puddings

**R**emembering those who are no longer with us

**I**nvitations hopefully extended to families and friends

**I**nspired individuals inspiring others

**S**cents of candles – frankincense and myrrh

**S**table, sheep and shepherds

**T**raditional carols, songs and family games

**T**hanking those who deserve our thanks

**M**ary and Joseph; Magi visiting Jesus in the manger

**M**aking an improvement to our world

**A**ngels, Christmas tree, lights and decorations

**A**dvent calendar, looking forward to celebrations

**S**anta with his reindeer and elves

**S**tar of Bethlehem

### **4. Snow- (acrostic poem)**

Sparkling snowflakes gently fall, at last a smooth soft carpet waits for us

No longer can the grass or path be seen

Outside becomes an exciting place for some to enjoy

Whizzing snowballs land next to pretty shoe patterns, soon a snowman greets us.

## 5. **SANTA** (acrostic)

**S**anta, did you get my letter?

**A**re your reindeer ready to come?

**N**orth Pole is very cold, mummy told me

**T**ake care on your journey

**A**nd I hope your elves will come too.

## 6. **WINTER** (Acrostic) also read in video

**W**intry days and nights but candles and twinkling lights cheer us up

**I**nvitations and cards have been posted, presents wrapped

**N**ativity characters dressed up: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, donkey, sheep

**T**rees from markets and forests, now displayed in our homes

**E**vergreen wreaths and garlands appear on our doors

**R**eindeer preparing to go with Santa on their long awaited trips