

# SEASON'S GREETINGS



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### In bureaucratese

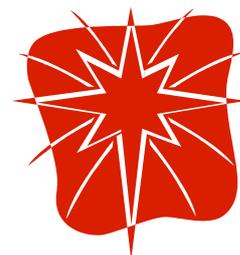
#### Memorandum

It would be appreciated if all persons pertaining to belief and not insignificant states of gladfulness would, in the fullness of time, proceed by appropriate means to the location of Bethlehem in observance of the personage whose natal event coincided with his recommended appointment as the supreme monarch of angels. It would be further appreciated if persons proceeding to the said location would be in triplicate adoration pursuant to his sovereign status as Christus Deus.



### Not in bureaucratese

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye o come ye  
To Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the king of angels  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.



## In post-structuralism

The semiotic coding of the other can be reflected in the assignation of binary opposites in the chronological nocturn, which can be characterised as either quiescent and voiceless, or multisonous and stentorian, however these can be resolved into the former only where the nocturn exhibits the sanctified, imperturbable, and refulgent cultural plane wherein the desexualised m/other and her sanctified, self-controlled child may attain the meaning of unified, almost sidereal, aestivation.



## Not in post-structuralism

Silent night, Holy Night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.



## In Donald Rumsfeld-speak

As we know, there are the known Noels, the first Noels that we know we know. We also know there are known unNoels. That is to say there are some Noels we do not know. But there are also unknown unNoels, the Noels we don't know we don't know.



## Not in Donald Rumsfeld-speak

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay.  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.



## In scientific jargon

Contained within a feeding receptacle for ruminant domesticated animals without the full benefit of a bassinet to be recumbent upon, the diminutive Christus Deus endeavoured to repose his macreous cranium. The supernovas commenced emitting lambent light in the luminous heavens and regarded the location of recumbrance whilst the diminutive Christus Deus was insensible within a faggot of vegetation of the genus *Graminae*.



## Not in scientific jargon

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little lord Jesus laid down his  
sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky looked  
down where he lay  
The Little lord Jesus asleep in the  
hay.



## In tax accountant-speak

It would be preferable if it is observed but not lamented  
If the lips are not thrust with sullenness because of the following reason

In the near future, the diminutive metropolis will be visited by a rotund, vermilion-clad gentleman.

An enumeration is being made, the contents of which will be confirmed on two occasions

It will be ascertained which persons of limited chronological advancement have been non-compliant and which have been compliant

In the near future, the diminutive metropolis will be visited by a rotund, vermilion-clad gentleman.

It is observed when persons are being insensible

It is known when persons are being assiduous

It is ascertained when persons are compliant and non-compliant

So it is recommended that consideration be given to the pursuit of compliance.



## In legalese

We are desirous of extending to you by way of seasonal salutation, in respect of which we undertake to convey by means including but not limited to speech, writing, hand signals, electronic devices and other and any information conveyances in existence now and in the future, a sanguine and unrepining saturnalian season and a euphoric neologian period of not less than but not more than twelve (12) months, including such adjustment as from time to time may be necessitated by leap years where appropriate.



## Not in tax accountant-speak

You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry  
You'd better not pout, I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town.

He's making a list, he's checking it twice  
He's going to find out who's naughty and nice  
Santa Clause is coming to town.

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows when you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake.



## Not in legalese

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year.



## In corporate computer-speak

The content will be delivered by a multifaceted program combining novel paradigm outcomes powered by the 'rhinoglow' engine. Although platform users and developers applied disempowering nomenclature to the earlier version of rhinoglow, the Christmas release of version 2.1 will facilitate a clearer delivery mode and content guidance which will impact user scenarios in terms of unparalleled benchmarks.



## Not in corporate computer-speak

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows  
All of the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph, join in any reindeer games.  
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say  
Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight  
Then all the reindeers loved him, and they shouted out with glee  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history.



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