Father Christmas 2020

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Hello my friends both far and near

It's me, it's Father Christmas here

Well goodness me, now what a year

We're all in need of Christmas cheer

You're stuck indoors far more these days

Having fun in different ways

Fussing over all your pets

Or gathered round the TV sets

But clouds can have a silver lining

So, my hope is that you are finding

Joy from spending all your time

With family, and with friends online!

Yet, at this time there will be those

Less fortunate, as fortune goes

It's possible you'll come across

some hardship, worry, fear and loss

Or maybe your health needs dictate

That you must always isolate

My Christmas wish therefore is clear

That help for you is always near.

And be assured, on Christmas Day

You'll still get gifts, I'll find a way

To carry out my yearly chores

Of bringing presents to your doors!

I'll set about my joyous task

Whilst wearing a most festive mask

And to make sure I won't be late

I'll be the first they'll vaccinate!

But this year I fear no time or place

For us to meet up face to face

My opportunity is missed

To hear about your Christmas list!

I do so love to meet you all

And hear your wishes big and small

To see your smiling face and hear

Just how good you have been all year!

So, Mrs Claus proposed this time

I send a film to you online

"Online?" I said, "what, clumsy me

Who struggles with technology?

I'll get it wrong, I'll seem absurd

I won't remember my password!

Well Mrs C, she fixed a stare

And spoke in manner firm but fair

"You claim to be this technophobe

And yet you travel round the globe

Why can't you simply film a greeting

To all your friends instead of meeting?

The man who manages each year

To sprinkle Christmas joy and cheer,

who trained the reindeer how to fly

can certainly give this a try!

And so, I find myself now coping

With all the tech and truly hoping

To send those folks I cannot see

This message electronically

With any luck from my machine

I'll beam to your computer screen

I'm all set up with my webcam

Now can we do this? Yes, we can!