



## ***Laughter and Joy***

By the children's joy  
My beautiful tree was attacked  
Deviously looking for toy after toy

Ornaments broken or cracked  
Down at my frozen toes

I spent a fortune on gift wrap and bows  
I bought gifts- up to my throat

By the time it was time  
The kids had seen it all, through the ribs  
They saw toy cars and ships  
Silly socks and hair clips

Coldness was hugging my coat

Rudolph forgot his red nose  
Santa forgot his cookies and milk  
but left behind, a blanket of silk

Laughter and joy  
Served as a heater  
But next year, I'll remember  
To wear warmer clothes