



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 rips
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