## Christmas Presents

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There's something Dad's been telling us

that I don't think is true

He'll smile at Mom, she'll smile at him

and this is what they'll do

They'll head upstairs

in broad daylight

and make us stay down here

Then halfway up he turns around and says

do not come near

(Chorus): He says they're going up to talk about

our Christmas presents

there's lots to discuss so we must stay away

They gotta make plans for

our Christmas presents

Or Santa can't come with his sleigh

Now I can't figure out

why Santa needs advice

from parents on what to bring

He's a pretty smart man

we've all sent him letters

and he's never forgotten a thing

But you can't tell my Dad

'Cause he'll stand on the landing

saying put a movie in

This could take a long time

your lists get longer every year

then he reminds us with a grin

We're going up to talk about

your Christmas presents

there's a lot to discuss so you have to stay away

We've gotta make plans for

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your Christmas presents Or Santa can't come with his sleigh Now it's Christmas morning all the toys are here Every one that we asked for we run upstairs to Mom and Dad's room and we all pound on their door It opens up and Dad stands there scratching at his head Says it's not time yet still dark outside You all get back to bed We're tired out from talking 'bout your Christmas presents We need another hour then we'll all go down and play It's a lotta work talking 'bout your Christmas presents Can't we just sleep in on Christmas day?