

Final Group of Letters to Santa from Birmingham Children

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You have given a lot of thought to them and have put in some pretty hard work. While you have wanted things for your own Christmas, most of you have remembered poor children, little boys and girls who are ill, and the members of your own families.

Mrs. Claus, our helpers and I appreciate your many thoughts of us and your concern over our well-being. We have been pleased to have so many of you ask about the reindeer, too.

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in your city right now. Your schools and churches are preparing Christmas programs, you are learning little songs and recitations and making gifts for others.

You are busy boys and girls and right now you are learning all about me.

You, each one of you, is being a Santa Claus all in your own right. Just as I make up gifts for so many, you are making gifts, too.

Through your churches you will prepare presents for little boys and girls whom you will never see. Some of you will do this in your schools, too.

WHEN CHRISTMAS MORNING comes and you open the presents you find under your tree, you will be very gay. Just stop and think, as you peep into the packages that some of them came to you from members of your family—and some of them—well, they are the ones you would want too badly and were not sure whether you'd get them or not.

All around the world other little boys and girls will be going through the same thing. They will be opening packages that will make their Christmas a merry one.

Some of those very packages will be the ones you bought and wrapped and mailed to them. That, my dear, makes you a little Santa Claus, too.

And now, until another year has passed, be good boys and girls. God bless you all, and have a very, very Merry Christmas.

Adams School First Grade

Dear Santa—My name is Sue Anne Cherry I would like a real reindeer and a real pair of reindeer shoes. I would like a real reindeer and a real pair of reindeer shoes. I would like a real reindeer and a real pair of reindeer shoes.

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