

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

My stocking was so small
I knew how foolish it would be
To hang it by the mantelpiece
To hold the presents for me,

Since I had asked for nuts and fruit,
A great big doll or two,
A pair of ice skates, a shiny sled,
And a tea set red and blue,

So I just set a basket out –
And what do you suppose –
I found a puppy sleeping there
With freckles on his nose!

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