

## **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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