

6 Poems for the 6th Day of Christmas

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1. Christmas Past

Shoppers busy, rushing around
Buying last minute gifts
Checking names on cards
Finalising Christmas lists
Wines, spirits, beers, soft drinks
Hairdresser appointments booked
More food and drinks ordered
Nothing can be overlooked
Presents carefully wrapped then hidden
They must be out of sight
Christmas tree decorated, candles ready
And every indoor and outdoor light
Carol concerts, works parties attended
Sparkling Christmas jumpers worn
Nativity plays with packed audiences
Admiring stable where Jesus was born
Big family gathering around the banquet
It's the Christmas dinner
Later, children playing new electronic games
Everyone's a winner
Toddler bored with Santa's toy
Preferring the giant cardboard box
Adults moaning about Aunty Mary's
Traditional gift of woollen socks
Twelve days nearly over
Thank goodness holiday abroad has been arranged
Big sales in shops
Unwanted Christmas presents have been exchanged
Discarded wrapping paper
Uneaten food dumped in the overflowing bin
Later this year, all these commercial
And wonderful traditions will again begin.

2. Christmas Present

Some shops are closed or with reduced hours
Hard times are ahead
Businesses have disappeared, jobs gone
An unknown world many dread
Christmas is coming, decorations and lights ready
Is Santa feeling well?
Many questions posed
Can he leave his land and travel during Noel?
Essential shopping has to be done
Remember to wear masks in the shop
Presents no longer important
Social gatherings and luxuries have had to stop
Family, key workers and the vulnerable are our priority,
Not to be taken for granted
Whilst many children and adults
Have become increasingly disenchanted.
A traditional Christmas dinner
Our immediate family still enjoys
And at home sings carols, plays games
Appreciates last year's toys
No woollen socks this Christmas
From our beloved Aunty Mary
But on our family walk
We will definitely visit the cemetery
Holidays abroad?
Most certainly out of the question
Local countryside venues
Becoming an alternative suggestion
During the twelve days this Christmas
We are poignantly reminiscing
Dreaming of previous year's activities
Which we are missing.

3. Christmas Future

Charities supported and greatly appreciated

Cherishing priceless times with loved ones

Holy time for many, whatever our ages

Helping those who need our help

Roast Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and puddings

Remembering those who are no longer with us

Invitations hopefully extended to families and friends

Inspired individuals inspiring others

Scents of candles – frankincense and myrrh

Stable, sheep and shepherds

Traditional carols, songs and family games

Thanking those who deserve our thanks

Mary and Joseph; Magi visiting Jesus in the manger

Making an improvement to our world

Angels, Christmas tree, lights and decorations

Advent calendar, looking forward to celebrations

Santa with his reindeer and elves

Star of Bethlehem

4. Snow- (acrostic poem)

Sparkling snowflakes gently fall, at last a smooth soft carpet waits for us

No longer can the grass or path be seen

Outside becomes an exciting place for some to enjoy

Whizzing snowballs land next to pretty shoe patterns, soon a snowman greets us.

5. **SANTA** (acrostic)

Santa, did you get my letter?

Are your reindeer ready to come?

North Pole is very cold, mummy told me

Take care on your journey

And I hope your elves will come too.

6. **WINTER** (Acrostic) also read in video

Wintry days and nights but candles and twinkling lights cheer us up

Invitations and cards have been posted, presents wrapped

Nativity characters dressed up: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, donkey, sheep

Trees from markets and forests, now displayed in our homes

Evergreen wreaths and garlands appear on our doors

Reindeer preparing to go with Santa on their long awaited trips