

Yankee Steve's Almanac
for the Week of December 23, 2008

A politically-correct parody of the poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas" or "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written in 1822 by Clement Clarke Moore, has been adapted from an e-mail.

*Twas the month before Christmas, when all through our land
Not a Christian was praying, nor taking a stand.
See the PC Police had taken away,
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.*

*The children were told by their schools not to sing,
About shepherds, angels, wise men, and such things.
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say
December 25th is just another "holiday."*

*Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get at it!
CDs from Madonna, an Xbox, an iPod
Something was changing, something quite odd.*

*Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down
At Lowe's the Christmas spirit was no where to be found.*

*At K-Mart and Staples and Penney's and Sears
You won't hear the word "Christmas;" it won't touch your ears.
Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty
Are words that were used to intimidate me.*

*Now, Daschle! now Darden! now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen!
On, Boxer! on, Rather! on, Kerry and Clinton!
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matters.*

*And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace
The true gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded
The reason for the season stopped before it started.*

*So as you celebrate "winter break" under your "dream tree"
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.
Choose your words carefully, choose what you say
Exclaim MERRY CHRISTMAS, not Happy Holiday!*