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Oh, Christmas Tree!



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On Sidney Street at Christmas time there's magic in the air –

windows bright with twinkly lights and sparkles everywhere.

At 31 the
tree is huge,





at 32 it's pink!

At 33 it's very
tall and classy,
don't you think?



But why no tree at this house?
No wreath upon the door?
Whatever can be going on
at number 34?



There should be decorations
when Christmas time arrives.
So why is it that in this house . . .

. . . they're running for their lives?





Is it a bird?





Is it a cat?





Is it a monster?



Is it a hat?





Who could be chasing them?
What could it be?

Well, blow me down . . .



Into the kitchen
the whole lot go racing –
but hang on . . .
the *tree* isn't doing the chasing!

"Sssssstop!" hisses Tinsel.
"Can we talk?" calls out Belle.
"Slow down," pleads Bauble.
"Don't make me yell."

