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before christmas**

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On the night before Christmas,
a child in a house, as the whole family slept,
behaved just like a mouse,

and crept on soft toes down red-carpeted stairs.
Her hand held the paw of her favourite bear.



Ssshhh!

The Christmas Tree posed with its lights in its arms,
newly tinselled and baubled with glittering charms,
flirting in flickers of crimson and green,
against the dull glass of the mute TV screen.



