

The Coalition Christmas

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Stop all the socks. Don't leave out the mince pies.
This year there'll be no reindeer in the skies.
The government has saved the bankers – but
Santa was a quango. He's been cut.

Don't write your Christmas lists, you children, no.
There'll be no sleighbells tinkling in the snow.
There'll be no Christmas bonus for the workers.
Rudolf's been axed too. He's reindeer burgers.

A tax will be imposed on Christmas Day –
Nick Clegg giveth, Cameron taketh away –
Three kings will become two; and we'll get wise
To the dodgy politics of compromise.

But, Lo! What yonder star above the stable?
Don't get your hopes up. It's only Vince Cable.
He's cutting everything except big business.
Only turkeys vote for such a Christmas.

Happy Christmas 2010

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