

The Mouse In Santa's House

SCENE FIVE

Crotchet Christmas Eve, having good times,
Juice for the children, grown-ups some wine.
Mince pies and nibbles, big bowls of food,
But Tommy was still in a very bad mood.

We remain in the living room of Tommy's house. All the relatives are sitting round, now wearing party hats. Tommy is looking very glum, sat in the corner with Claude.

Brad Dad I'm very pleased to welcome you all to our humble abode and I'm also pleased we've managed to squeeze you all in.

Molly Mum Yes, you're all very welcome.

Brad Dad *(raising a toast)* Cheers!

All Cheers!

Claude *(to Tommy)* Who are all these peep holes?

Tommy It's 'people', Claude! They're all my uncles and cousins and aunts and grannies.

Uncle John *(calling over)* Cheer up, Tommy, it's Christmas Eve!

Granny Sal Aren't you excited about tomorrow? It's Christmas Day.

Cousin Suzy Think about all your lovely presents.

Brother Phil I want a goldfish.

Ron *(laughing)* You'll have to keep it away from Claude!

Claude Here we go again.

Ron He'd eat it.

Marge Yeah with some chips!

All *(all laugh)* Ha, ha, ha.

Tommy *(sadly)* Come on, Claude.

Tommy and Claude exit.

Grandpa What's the matter with him?

Brad Dad Oh, he'll be fine, Grandpa. Kids are resilient. Now, where were we? Oh yes, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas.

He raises his cup and everyone follows suit.

All Merry Christmas!

Brad Dad How about a Christmas sing-song!