

An Extract from Clement C. Moore's
Twas The Night Before Christmas

10 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
18 the prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
28 As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
37 down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

49 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
59 and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
70 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
80 and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

87 His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples,
89 how merry!

96 His cheeks were like roses, his nose
99 like a cherry!

106 His droll little mouth was drawn up
109 like a bow,

117 And the beard of his chin was as
121 white as the snow.



Quick Questions



1. How did St. Nicholas enter the house?



2. 'his clothes were all tarnished with ashes...'
In this sentence, what does 'tarnished' mean?



3. Why do you think the author described his nose as
'like a cherry'?



4. What do you think is going to happen in the next
few verses of the poem?
