

## SLEEPY DONDER

REINDEER

Tinkle-tinkle

SLEEP/S

Snore-e-e-e

CANDY

Yum-yum

DRESSES

Swish-swish

CAT

Mew, mew

DOG

Bow wow

COW

Moo moo

QUIET

Everyone raise hands and are QUIET

You've heard that Santa, when he makes his trip on Christmas Eve, usually drove eight tiny REINDEER, but did you know that when the weather all over the world is mild on Christmas Eve, he drives only six? Then he leaves at home Donder and Blitzen, his two storm REINDEER. Now Donder and Blitzen are the strongest, fastest animals that Santa owns. They are the ones who lead the others if they must dash through hail, sleet, snow or rain as they make their yearly trip. But once upon a time, Donder had a bad habit. - He liked to SLEEP and SLEEP and SLEEP. Yes, just as some boys like too much CANDY and some girls like too many DRESSES, Donder liked too much SLEEP.

All winter the black bear SLEEPS, this winter why can't I SLEEP, " asked Donder. "You can't," said the CAT. "You can't," said the DOG. "You can't," said the COW. Santa took down a great big book. He looked inside and said, "Donder, my big almanac says that this year on Christmas Eve there will be mild weather all around the world. Why don't you SLEEP and see how you like it?"

Donder went off to a cave to SLEEP. Up in his workshop Santa toiled. Around him were his CAT, his DOG, his COW and all the other REINDEER. At last, it was Christmas Eve. Santa looked out of his window. Snow was beginning to fall. The almanac was wrong! There was going to be a storm! "Donder," called Santa, but Donder was sound ASLEEP. "Donder," all the animals called at once; the CAT, the DOG, the COW and the other REINDEER.

"QUIET!" called Santa. Out of the cave came Donder. "What a beautiful snowstorm!" he exclaimed. "To think that I nearly missed it! I'll never try to spend another winter ASLEEP." Into their places ran all the REINDEER. Into the sleigh jumped Santa. "Merry Christmas!" called the CAT, the DOG and the COW as they waved good-by to Santa and the REINDEER.

"Merry Christmas!" called Santa as he and the REINDEER, led by Donder and Blitzen, disappeared into the snowstorm on their way to deliver toys and CANDY to good boys and girls all over the world.