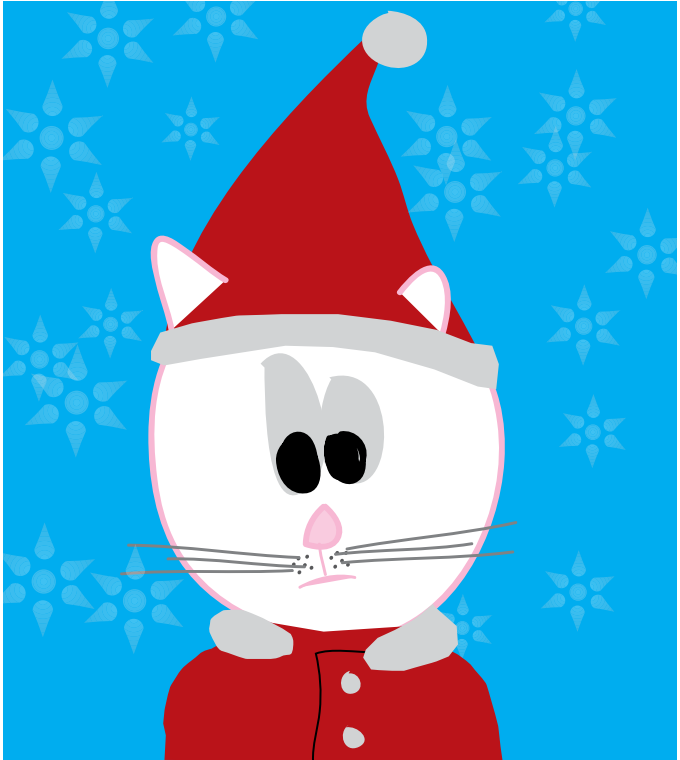


Happy Holidays



From Wasabi the Cat



The Legend of Santa Paws

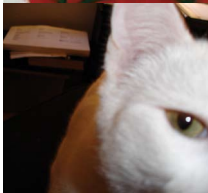
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I know a famous legend
told by the cats in the 'hood
about some clever cool dude
who brings toys to the good



Some say he's a man
who is white, bearded, and fat
but even the neighborhood kittens
know better than that



No dog can catch him;
he's faster than cars
his whiskers are long
and his eyes are like stars



He appears once a year
with toys galore
for all the good cats
be they rich or be they poor

He knows if I deserve
a spanking or a hug,
he even knows the last time
I barfed on the rug



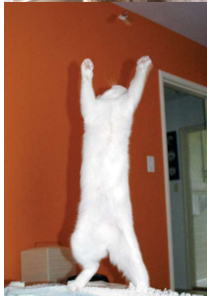
He even knew the time
I was stuck in the flue
I was just having fun—
there was nothing else to do!



I thought that black soot
made me look tough
taking two baths in one night
was punishment enough!



Other than that
I've been really good
I sleep on my perch
like a good cat should



So I'm hoping Santa Paws
won't pass me by
'Cause I've got a list of toys
from the floor to the sky!

But mostly I'm hoping
he'll come visit you too
and bring lots of toys
and make your dreams come true!



Happy holidays
from Wasabi the Cat
Have a Happy New Year
and stuff like that!

About the Author

Wasabi the Cat



Wasabi came into our lives in August of 2003. He was a tiny, starving kitten who somehow managed to get inside our studio. After cleaning him up we became too attached and decided to give him permanent residence. We later discovered that he is completely deaf, which explains his introspective nature and the fact that he completely ignores everything we say to him.



When he is not writing poetry, Wasabi likes to play with his toy mice, play tag, and surf the Internet. He is also fascinated with the dark recesses of our fireplace, which explains his frequent baths and clean, good looks. Wasabi's main goal in life is to one day go outside; however, due to his inability to hear the neighborhood bullies sneak up on him, we feel that he is best suited for a life of art and scholarship.

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