

ALTHOUGH CAPRI IS FAR AWAY  
AND I HAVE LOTS OF CALLS TO PAY,  
I KNOW YOU BOTH OF YOU EXPECT  
THAT YOUR WANTS I SHOULD NOT NEGLECT.  
WHOEVER ELSE MAY BE NEGLECTED  
YOUR PRESENTS MUST ALL BE COLLECTED.  
SO HERE THEY ARE - NOT SUCH A PACK  
AS CAME LAST XMAS IN MY SACK,  
BUT THEN WHEN YOU'RE SO FAR AWAY  
AND HAVING SUCH A GLORIOUS STAY,  
YOU DO NOT NEED SUCH PILES OF TOYS -  
YOU'VE TREATS IN PLENTY, LUCKY BOYS.

AND NOW I'VE GOT A WORD OR TWO  
THAT I MUST WRITE TO BOTH OF YOU.  
THOUGH YOU ARE GOOD IN MANY WAYS  
AND FOR THIS I WILL GIVE YOU PRAISE,  
IN OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT BE BETTER  
AND THESE I'LL POINT OUT IN THIS LETTER.

RAYMOND, YOU'RE OFTEN CROSS AND SNAPPY  
WHICH MAKES YOUR MUMMY QUITE UNHAPPY.  
FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL ALWAYS FIND  
THE BOY WHO IS POLITE AND KIND  
AND HE WILL GET AN ADDED PRESENT  
OF SOMETHING EXTRA SPECIAL PLEASANT.

NIGEL, IF ONLY YOU'D BE GOOD,  
NOT FUSS AND DAWDLE OVER FOOD,  
AND, WORST OF ALL, NOT SCREAM AND CRY  
AT EVERYTHING, BUT REALLY TRY  
TO DO THE THINGS YOU KNOW YOU OUGHT  
AND WHICH YOU'VE BEEN SO OFTEN TAUGHT,  
AND NEVER MORE HAVE ANY ROCKING,  
A STUPID TRICK, WHICH ALL THINK SHOCKING.  
YOU'RE GROWING BIG AND SOON SHOULD READ  
AND SKIP QUITE WELL AND ALSO FEED  
WITHOUT A BIB — THINK OF ALL THIS  
AND OF THE PRESENTS YOU WOULD MISS  
IF FATHER C. HIS PENCIL TOOK  
AND PUT A BLACK MARK IN HIS BOOK  
AGAINST YOUR NAMES — HOW MOST UNPLEASANT  
NEXT CHRISTMAS YOU WOULD HAVE NO PRESENT.

BUT IN THE NEW YEAR NINETEENTWENTY  
THERE OUGHT TO BE GOOD MARKS IN PLENTY.  
AND WRITTEN LARGE "THESE BOYS ARE GOOD

RAYMOND & NIGEL SPOTTISWOODE.

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