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'Twas the night before Christmas when, quick as a wink,  
In snuck two kittens named Mittens and Mink.  
They were filthy, and hungry, and thoroughly wet  
But this was the best hiding place they'd found yet!

Half in the window, Mink paused on the brink,  
But Mittens was eager and smashed into Mink!  
Down from the window they fell with a clatter,  
Causing a snow globe to wobble and shatter.

The two soggy moggies with mud on their paws  
Leapt up on a blanket that read, "Mrs. Claus."  
After they cleaned every fleck from their feet  
They went to find something delicious to eat!

They cautiously, quietly crept through the house  
And came nose-to-nose with a crumb-munching mouse.  
The mouse went Squeak SQUEAK and startled the kittens.  
Mink tried to leap back but she crashed into Mittens.

The terrified mouse charged at Mittens and Mink,  
But the floor was as slick as an ice-skating rink.  
They skidded and scrabbled and fled down the hall  
While the mouse giggled, safe in his hole in the wall.

They stopped at the base of a marvellous tree  
And raced to tip-top with kittenish glee.  
The tree was festooned with long strings of light,  
And balls that they hooked down and chased out of sight.

They wrestled the ribbons and wrinkled the wrapping,  
Then curled in a chair that was perfect for napping.  
And so they were sleeping when Clackety click.  
The front door flew open and there stood St. Nick!

Santa stood frozen. He was too stunned to think,  
Stunned by the mess made by Mittens and Mink!  
The kind Mrs. Claus entered wide-eyed soon after.  
She looked at her husband. They burst into laughter.

"It's the night before Christmas. You know what they say.  
While Santa's away, the kittens will play."  
From that moment on, the Clauses were smitten  
By mischievous Mink and her brother Mittens.

Now they always have food and a warm loving lap  
(Though Mink likes to settle upon Santa's cap).  
"Happy Christmas to you," Santa says with a wink.  
"Purr purr," purr the kittens named Mittens and Mink.