

The Ballad of Naughty Nick



Young **Nick** came from Essen to stay at our house
and he started quite gently, a quiet country mouse.
By the end of the year he was confident, loud,
and his progress was great, and of this we are proud!

He has worked hard at school with the best of intentions,
and escaped all the year without any detentions.
But, yes, he is slow and he makes others wait,
and three out five days, he turns up late.

Although he is cheeky, he never is rude,
except when he pushes his nose in the food.
He is so clean and tidy; however, beware!
He litters the bath with his curly red hair.

From his bedroom and study, the food he can smell,
but he rigidly fails to respond to the bell
which we ring to announce that the food is prepared,
and he turns up so late like a young Scottish Laird.

He must come from a home with a cook and a maid,
for to wash and wipe dry, he is hard to persuade.
But now he has learned to deploy the T-cloth,
he'll be washing and drying like some old Visigoth *

He has even command of the clothes washing scene
and can handle the washer and get his clothes clean!
Do I hear your applause for this wonderful scion?
And he even now knows what to do with an iron.

He likes watching telly, he'll watch it for hours,
especially recordings of Fawltly Towers.
He also likes watching the Germany Team
when they play World Cup football, and think they're supreme!

He noticed the goal that bounced out of the net
when Lampard had scored, all to Neuer's regret -
the reverse of that great 1966 goal,
(the English remember this, let it console!)

But why has he got such a strange soubriquet?
Oh what has he done to deserve it, I pray?
Well, he hogs both the salt and the pepper pot, too,
so, **Kitty** has named him and yes, it is true.

Now as **Nick** goes to Essen to further his life,
The Rectory will miss him, there has been no strife.
We just hope he'll remember to come back again,
And so ends this ballad, Amen and Amen.

* The **Visigoths** (Latin: *Visigothi*, *Wisigothi*, *Vesi*, *Visi*, *Wesi*, or *Wisi*) were one of two main branches of the Goths, an East Germanic tribe; the Ostrogoths being the other. (Wikipedia)