A Barry's Bay Christmas

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The stockings were hung
On the trailers with care
Tinsel was draped
After last minute repair.
A mid-week snow
And few morning flurries
Gave a feeling so festive
Unlike elsewhere there were no parade worries.
The kids were all bundled
For braving the cold
Santa was coming
That they were told.
Melka gave a wave
Wilmer threw candy
Klatt stood on top
Her costume quite dandy.
Shoalts strolled along
In his Habs-themed onesie
For his beloved Canadiens....
...maybe next year there.
Yak maybe walked
His last parade as MPP
For a career of public service
Thank you to thee.
Police and ambulance
Firefighters too
The crowd hoped aloud
For no fire in a flue.
They lined the streets
They waved and they cheered
The floats idled by
Awaiting the man with the white beard.
To the PJ they moved where
A kindly elf handed out turkeys
Upstairs to the hall
The children did hurry.
They sat on his knee
And gave him their wish
Some got face painted
Hotdogs the favoured dish.
Float prizes were given
The day of fun wound down
Christmas came early in the Bay
And there was many a frown.
The old man got up
To make ready for the big night
Happy Christmas to all he called
As he flew out of sight.

Prizes for the 58th annual Barry's Bay Lions Club Santa parade
First, $200 – Hammer Trucking/Sara Hammer/John Bosco School
Runner up, $100 – Jim Krutz family
Runner up, $100 - Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
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A visit with Santa