

A Holiday Poem

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Tis the season of joy, so I'm bringing to you
A little tune to remember what you should do.
Preparing for winter is not always fun
Days are much shorter with few hours of sun.

Pay attention to things that help you to see
While you're driving around in this season of glee.
Replace burnt out bulbs and faulty wiper blades
So you can see best when the sunshine fades.

Headlight lenses get hazy and dull with time
It's hard to see through all of that grime.
Headlight restoration can make them like new
Schedule an appointment and you'll see that it's true!

Does your car heat blow all nice and warm
To keep you cozy during a winter storm?
Your warmth is important but that is not all
Defrosting is needed when you get past the fall.

Fresh fluids are key to keep your car running best
Many get oil changes but forget all the rest:
Power steering, transmission, brake and coolant too
These fluids need replacement so gunk doesn't accrue.

A maintenance program of flushing is really quite smart
It keeps systems clean and extends life of the parts.
Many shops have a fluid warranty plan
That gives peace of mind for quite a long span.

What about noises or cars running rough?
With winter approaching, enough is enough.
The cold weather may make problems much worse
It can cost much more and lighten your purse!

Address concerns now and don't procrastinate
You might just be sorry if you continue to wait.
There's only so long you can lean on your luck
It's time to service your car, SUV or your truck.

Perhaps you have waited for months to get tires
Though they are bald and show a few wires.
Tires like this are dangerous indeed
For you and for others, replace them I plead!

With cold days a coming it's important to know
If your battery is new or replaced years ago.
Four years is the average when replacement is due
Perhaps now is the time to purchase one new.

What about corrosion and battery connections,
Have you checked these for best winter protection?
You can attempt to service it on your own
Or leave it to professionals and pick up the phone.

No matter the model, no matter the make
It's important to remember to service your brakes.
With slippery roads and motorists a many
You'll be relying on your braking system for plenty.

Then there is advice that I shared last year —
Pumping Anti-lock brakes will likely cause fear.
You'll be slipping and sliding all over the place
Frantically pumping as your heart starts to race.

Instead what you do when you have ABS
Is apply steady pressure and don't get all stressed.
There are no guarantees when there's snow and some ice
But you'll be better off if you take my advice.

Now your brakes may be safe but there's so much more
Do you shake, bounce or shimmy—is your suspension worn?
The parts of this system can get rusty and break
Terrible things can then happen, a bad day will it make.

Not only that, these parts are safety concerns
They could cause many troubles, especially on turns.
So don't let this happen now or any time
Your life is important and so is mine.

Therefore remember when you are driving about
There are so many others that are also en route.
Your decisions of timely repairs affect you
But have you considered how they affect others too?

As we approach Christmas, a great gift to bestow
Is to keep everyone safe as you drive in the snow.
This can happen better with timely repairs
It will let everyone know that you really do care.

But wait, there is just a little bit more
Perhaps you'll remember what I've mentioned before—
It's not just about what you're driving around
It's how you adhere to the road rules of the town.

You must limit distractions and put your cell phone away.
Whoever is texting won't mind your delay.
And as you are celebrating this great time of year
Make sure you don't drive if you drink any beer.

Since others may not drive as safely as you
It's good to drive cautious and scan your full view,
Buckle your seat belt no matter how far you go
And make sure you drive with more care in the snow

Be kind to others—you know, the Golden Rule
And make sure your car has always got fuel.
An emergency kit is a good rule of thumb
This is for all, not just for some!

These are the tips I've prepared just for you
I realize that there are more than a few!
As you ponder them now and in the coming days
There are a few things more I would like to say.

I wish you a glorious Christmas and New Year!
I pray that hope reigns and you'll be full of good cheer.
May you count all your blessings and praise the Great One
Who gives life to us all through His Holy Spirit and Son.

Jesus was born for a really great reason
I hope that you'll focus on Him this glorious season.
For He is the One that carries me through
And I really quite hope He carries you too!

But if you don't believe in the birth of God's son
Or if you think it's just a tale that's been spun,
Just call me right up, that's what you should do
So that I can share the Good News with you!

