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The Night Before Christmas

There are many versions of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" written since Clement Clark Moore first penned the short story in 1823. In fact the first written of the story was called "A Visit from St. Nicholas". Here is a version that some of you may have heard on the radio, back on December 24, 1944. This is where Edgar Bergen promised Charley McCarthy a Christmas Present, if Charley would memorize and recite Moore's poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas". The dialogue goes something like this. The Don Ameche introduces Charley;



(Don) And now ladies and gentlemen, a few words from your Yule log, Charley McCarthy.
(Charley) Ha Ha Ha, Oh, thank you Don. My pal, my friend. You know, your the nicest Don Ameche I know.
(Don) Oh, oh! When you talk like that, I know you want something. What is it, Charley?
(Charley) Well... it just so happens your right this time, I do need help, you see, Bergen said that if I would recite, The Night Before Christmas, this evening, he'd give me a special Christmas present.
(Don) Well, that's fine. Have you memorized it?
(Charley) Well... Part of it, that's all.

(Don) Which part?
(Charley) Aaa... Just the title.
(Don) What do you want me to do?
(Charley) Well.. Aaa.. Make Bergen forget about the poem, but not about the present.
(Don) Well now, Let me see, wait minute, wait a minute. I've got it! Why don't you say that after you learned it, a blow on the head made you forget it.
(Charley) Aaa, That's good! That's good!
(Don) I'll be glad to cooperate, with a baseball bat!
(Charley) Aaa, That's bad! That's bad!
(Don) Well now look, why should I help you, why (Page 6)

1J— Merry Christmas --- Charley McCarthy recites, Night Before Christmas.

4J— Paw Paw Speedster — Kent's Trip Part 3.

8J— 2011 Michigan Jamboree — August 18th, our third day out.

3J— New Members — 2011 Roster additions

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