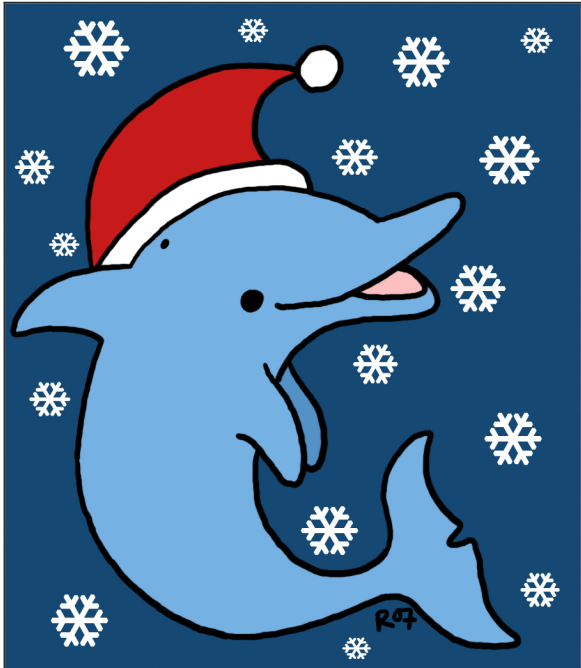


# Where do dolphins go on Christmas?

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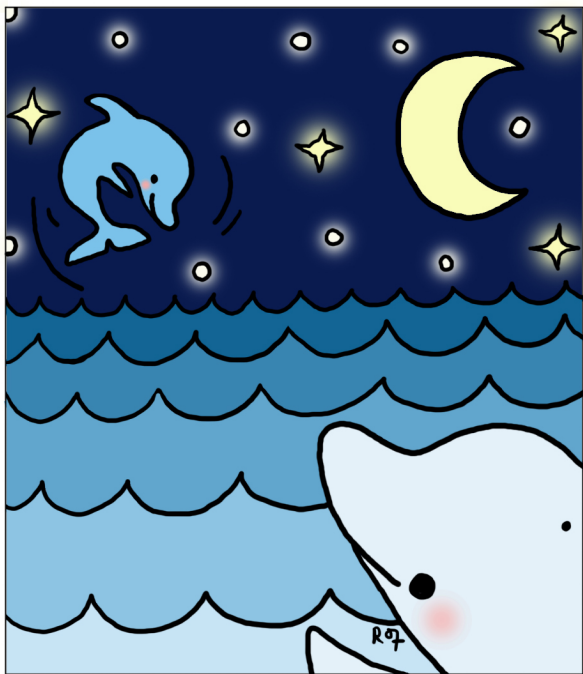
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On Christmas Eve we go to sleep  
until we wake up, filled with glee,  
then go downstairs to take a peep  
under our big Christmas tree



But this Christmas Eve, I lay in bed  
and, try however hard I might,  
this question wouldn't leave my head:  
What do the dolphins do tonight?



Do they leave their cozy spaces  
near the sloshy, curling shore  
and swim off to distant places  
where they've never been before?



Or do they have to go to bed  
and try to sleep - of course in vain -  
until it's time for **Christmas morning**  
with presents, songs and candy canes?



And is there a Santa Dolphin  
who lives in a frosty cave  
maybe somewhere near the South Pole  
under ice and frozen waves?



And are there also Christmas Elves  
Who help with presents large and small?  
I rather think he's helped by penguins  
who wrap the gifts for one and all



Does Santa Dolphin have a sleigh  
and who pulls that sleigh along?  
Does he have subaquatic reindeer  
or starfish that are super strong?





Do dolphins have a Christmas tree  
with candy canes and lights galore?  
And shiny ornaments aplenty  
that sparkle on the ocean floor?



And how do dolphins get their presents  
since they don't have a fireplace?  
Where do they hang up their stockings  
Do they have a special place?

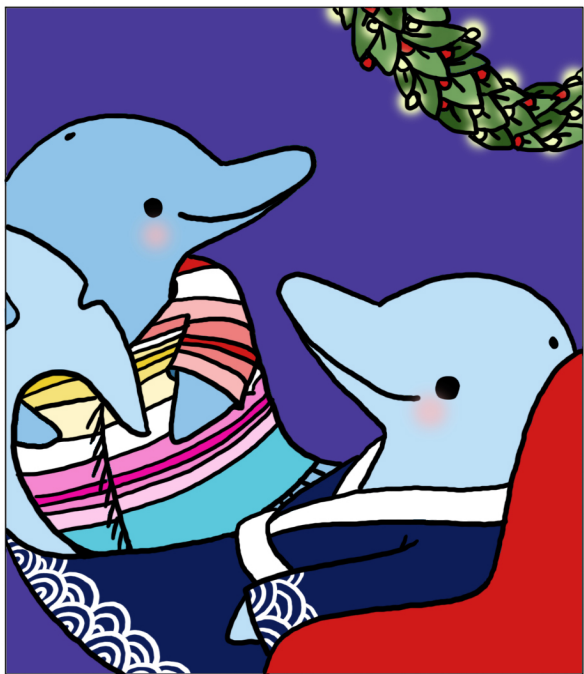


And do the little dolphin children  
get to play with shiny toys?  
Does Santa Dolphin bring nice presents  
to dolphin girls and dolphin boys?



Do they have a Christmas dinner  
and if so, what do they eat?

Do they have turkey, yams and stuffing,  
and, for after, something sweet?



Do they visit relatives  
who have come from far away,  
from Japan and Argentina,  
and how long then do they stay?



I'd like to think they do have Christmas  
just like us, with gifts and fun,  
and lovely little Christmas puddings,  
and a bunch of friends who come.



I'd like to think they've all these things  
but if it's true? I cannot say.  
In any case, I hope all dolphins  
have a merry Christmas day!