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## A Puppy's Christmas

*It's the day before Christmas  
And all through the house  
The puppies are squeaking  
An old rubber mouse.*

*The wreath which had merrily  
Hung on the door  
Is scattered in pieces  
All over the floor.*

*The stockings that hung  
In a neat little row  
Now boast a hole in  
Each one of the toes.*

*The tree was subjected  
To bright-eyed whims,  
And now, although splendid,  
It's missing some limbs.*

*I catch them and hold them.  
"Be good", I insist.  
They lick me, then run off  
To see what they've missed.*

*And now as I watch them  
The thought comes to me,  
That their's is the spirit  
That Christmas should be.*

*Should children and puppies  
Yet show us the way,  
And teach us the joy  
That should come with this day?*

*Could they bring the message  
That's written above,  
And tell us that, most of all  
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## Age by Car Radio

**Student:** Every button is programmed to pop, rock, and rap -- except the oldie's station for your parents.

**Young Professional:** Still programmed to rap, rock, and pop, plus the station that gives the traffic reports. As you approach the 30's, you'll probably also add the talk station that everyone at work talks about.

**Established Professional:** Will use the "scan" button and hear the first pop tune you learned as a kid on the oldie's station.

**Approaching Middle Age:** Thank goodness for "adult" pop, rock, and soul; will actually listen to the oldies for a few tunes.


**Truly Middle Age:** It's not that you're old enough to listen to the oldies, it's just that they keep playing songs you know.

**Approaching Retirement:** The radio is either on the oldies or off.

**Retired:** Stopped listening to the radio -- that "oldies" station started playing all of this "new music".

*"A woman is like a tea bag.  
You never know how strong she is until she gets into hot water."*

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A Canadian Forces recruiter was in his office planning how he could encourage more volunteers, when a pair of twin brothers who looked in great shape walk up to him.

The recruiter stands up, sticks out his hand and introduces himself. He looks at the first young man and asks, "Son, what skills can you bring to the Canadian Forces?"

The young man looks at him and says, "I'm a pilot!"

The recruiter gets all excited, turns to his aide and says, "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!" The aide hustles the young man off.

The recruiter looks at the second young man and asks, "What skills do you bring to the Canadian Forces?"

The young man says, "I chop wood!"

"Son," the recruiter replies, "we don't need wood choppers in the Canadian Forces. What do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the officer, "you are not listening to me. We don't need wood choppers, this is the 21st century!"

"Well," the young man says, "you hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the recruiter, "he's a pilot!"

The young man rolls his eyes and says, "Dang it, I have to chop it before he can pile it!"

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