

No Christmas

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No five-thirty awakening by excited children
No cries of disappointment when opening presents
No moans of 'Do we have to go to church?'
No demands every ten minutes: 'When will it be ready Mummy?'
No undercooked turkey
No overcooked sprouts
No flaming pudding setting fire to the decorations
No post-lunch headache
No fights no broken toys
No fractious kids no grumpy Grannies
No Sound of Music no Mary Poppins
Just a wonderful day, gift-wrapped in magic
Tied with a big bow of appreciation – No chance!

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