

# Rudolf, The Red-Nosed Reindeer

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*This was based upon a story written by Robert L. May in 1939 for the Montgomery Ward Department Stores. Marks was May's brother-in-law. Atry wanted nothing to do with it, but it went on to #2 on the all-time Christmas Song chart. It has also spawned a slew of satires & jokes, not to mention a childhood Christmas staple from Rankin-Bass.*

Dm7 Em F  
You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and ,  
Dm7 Em F C  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen .  
Am Em Am D7 D9 G7  
But do you recall, the most famous reindeer of all ?

C G  
Rudolf, the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose.  
C  
And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.  
G  
All of the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names.  
C  
They never let poor Rudolf join in any reindeer games.

F C G C  
Then one foggy Christmas eve, Santa came to say:  
G G7/g#  
"Rudolf with your nose so bright,  
Am D7 G  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

C G  
Then all the reindeer loved him, and they shouted out with glee:  
C  
"Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!"