## SANTA GIVES UP

(an imaginary tale)

No More Personal Gift Delivery

Christmas travel just isn't the same anymore In the past Santa's sleigh has been mistaken For a UFO or an ICBM They'd scramble fighter jets over my flight path; Once those hot shots eyeballed Jolly Old St. Nick, His Sleigh full of toys, and the eight tiny reindeer They'd put it all together with Christmas Eve And let me go about my business ----NO MORE----They know who I am --still You would think I was an Al Quaeda terrorist bomber The way they constantly put me Through mandatory security checkpoints Everywhere I go there's comprehensive screening procedures What with all the metal In the sleigh, the toys, and my jingle bells Those detectors are going off constantly Its damn near impossible To get my route done by morning CHANGES HAVE GOT TO BE MADE Only one answer works

This year Santa's gonna cozy up to Mrs. Claus We've got the big screen plasma TV A killer Blu Ray H.D. DVD player and The remastered edition of "It's a Wonderful Life" Christmas Eve will be all about ME!!!! Not to worry -----the toys and goodies-----We'll still be puttin'em out And the LIST --- is sacred It must be kept. There will be NO disappointments All my gifts have been shipped UPS or FedEx I scored a fabulous volume discount Their both reliable and they respect the packages Something I could not say about The United States Post Office

NOW -- Not everyone up here at uic in.P. Agrees with Santa There has been a lot of dissention From

THE ELVES

They just

Will not

Support me

On this one.

They have tried gentle persuasion, Formal written demands, A work slowdown

Was followed

By a huge Protest March

Last Week

The entire Work Force paraded

With Banners and Placards

Chanting Slogans and Singing Protest Songs

part peasen's It was just such a passé '60s thing

I ignored those little so and sos

Cranked up my IPOD and reviewed ornament designs

Lastly, a fairly potent bribe came my way.

All to no avail

I used their money

To ship out the last of my presents

YESTERDAY

I don't see this situation as a permanent thing

BUT for now

My rear end is planted

On a comfy leather couch

The Mrs. is getting our mugs of hot chocolate

And the TV is up and running

This scenario looks

Pretty Good

Santa to

Happy Christmas to All And to all A Good Night

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