

Secrets on the Shelf

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Home elves have been busy for weeks, so it seems
Shopping and wrapping to fill Christmas dreams.

Each list has been checked, and gone over twice
No wish goes unanswered on Santa's big night.

It's hurry and scurry to buy, wrap and hide
To keep kids from knowing what's hidden inside.

If the spirit of giving seems sometimes abused
Commercial, exploited, now here is the news...

What's really gift-wrapped isn't found in a store.
Each gift holds a meaning that says even more.

A ribbon-tied message so old yet so new
"I would if I could, make your dreams all come true!"