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In a neat little village all covered with snow, sleep apple-cheeked children their hearts all aglow, dreaming of morning, when they will awake, hungry for cookies their mothers will bake.











But...
high in the sky,
while children all dream,
The
Christmas
Cookie
Sprinkle
Snitcher
flies, teeth all agleam!







He lands with a bump, then quick as a wink, he's into the pantry snitching a sprink!
With a toss of his head and a lick of his chops, into his mouth cookie sprinkles he pops.





All the rest of the sprinks
he pours into his sack,
then tosses his sprinkle sack
onto his back.
Each villager's house
he de-sprinkles with glee.
"The more sprinkles I snitch
the more sprinkles for me!"
His sack is soon bulging
with sprinkles galore,
so his pockets he fills,
then de-sprinkles the store!



