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A Christmas Story Richard Geisel

I know it's Christmas because Bob Hope and his reindeerettes are in a Chinook Bed
Huey Drop at Fire Base Florida hot LZ; Santa at the door in red
Hanging water bucket shower; Grohe chrome waterfall head
Bacon grease and gasoline; Sunday brunch for two
Camouflage sleeping bag; Four Seasons linen bed
Elephant grass cutting flesh; Rockefeller tree lighting and song
Howitzers for candles; Limo Tacky light tour
Ambush at the trail apex; Gift of the Magi
Ribbon snakes slither across limbs; Cornucopia of colored lights pulse at door
Crumbling huts twinkle of light; Macy's 5th Avenue windows alight
Fresh holey blessed fatigues; Armani dinner jacker and amour
Incoming whistles; carolers forevermore
Parachute flares and moving shadows; Carillon fireworks dance in the clouds
Peaches, pound cake, & sterno; Flaming fig pudding abounds
Red Cross packages, mail, and ammo; Gold ribbon, shiny paper, presents galore
Company-size assault; Nutcracker Mouse King Army stumbles around
Radio squawks night check; "T'was the Night Before Christmas" again being heard
Squad setup for the night; Family and friends surround

Cracking and shuffling on the trail, is it my time of year?