**Kids Side #1 – Letter to Santa, Part I**

**VICTORIA holding letter to Santa.**

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To the Most Honorable Father Christmas,

It is my esteemed pleasure to write this correspondence to you, and I hope that it finds you well. I can only imagine you are very busy this time of year, what with all your last-minute preparations and so forth. Still, I hope you may find time in your schedule to consider this letter.

After all, I have given my full attention to being on the very best behavior this year. There was that one night I stayed up past bedtime, reading. I sincerely hope that can be forgiven. It was only once, and I regretted it terribly as I felt absolutely horrible the next day.

Similarly, I have done all my chores as required by my parents, save for that one day in November when I fell ill and could not get out of bed, nor even go to school. Mother and Father had to do my chores that day. I hope that can be forgiven, considering my sorry state that day.

Finally, I made top scores on all my classes this year, except for physical education, where I still struggle, but have always tried my best. I hope that being the top in my class in all other studies will suffice for this situation.

If those couple of mishaps may be forgiven, and if I remain on your nice list, I would very much like to make a simple request this Christmas. If it pleases you, I would very much like a Shirley Smiles-a-Lot doll with the red velvet dress and silver slippers.

Yours truly,

Victoria

*(Starts OFF, but quickly returns)*

PS: I also forgot to send a thank you note to Aunt Sherry in a timely manner, but she didn’t seem to mind that it arrived late and was most grateful to have heard from me at all. However, I recognize my tardiness in this endeavor and hope that this, too, can be overlooked.