

# A Little Ditty To Bring In Holiday Cheer

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It's beginning to look a lot like New Year's!

Everywhere you go.

Ёлочки on the squares,

Glitter in frigid air,

Bright игрушки all aglow ...

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Traffic is standing still,

And the prettiest sight you'll see

Is a highway that's clear and free!

Now that's a holiday thrill!

The newest smartphone

(Need to take out a loan)

Is the wish of Дима and Саша.

Дублёнка or fur

(Oh, the debts you'll incur!)

Is the hope of every Наташа.

And parents dream of a giant screen:

Ирония Судьбы или С лёгким паром!

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Москвичи are full of cheer.

Refrigerators can barely close

Because, as everyone knows:

This must be the best feast of the year!

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Every plane and train is packed.

And the thought that makes your heart sing —

That gives your step just a little spring:

It'll be weeks before anyone's back!

Ёлочки = fir trees

Москвичи = Muscovites

Игрушки = tree ornaments

Дублёнка = sheepskin coat

Ирония Судьбы или С лёгким паром =

"The Irony of Fate or Enjoy Your Bath" (Russians' favorite New Year's movie)

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