

pictures of Christmas

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when i was a little girl
(before the ice age)

Christmas
was
twisted hair and
shiny barrettes
white gloves on Sunday
and sunshine

easy bakes
microscopes
and barbie dolls

cakes pies
and pecans

clothes for summery
weather in alabama
winter in ohio

and always
a never-ending battle
with baby bro
on the way down

Christmas
was
candles and Light
trees twinkling winks
red and green
wreaths and poinsettas

grandmommys making sure we
had enough goodies
mom
making sure we
didn't

so many grown-ups
with the last time i
saw you speech

the night before
anxious warm
snuggle sleep

Christmas was
always
stardust mischief
family smiles and hugs.