## **Christmas at Gambell**

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The year 1971 is just at the closing. Cold as we are, we enjoy our winter as ever.

We run around in a frosty fog, getting our Christmas presents into the post office and some to the school rooms where we exchange gifts. It is another enjoyable time of the year.

Although the mail planes were held by the fog, we enjoyed going to watch Christmas programs the school and the churches

gave.

The Santa Claus this year was Ellis Oozeva, 9 years old.
He was dressed part in Santa's suit and part in raven.

They had our Eskimo tale, "The Raven," who was going to be the tale down to the ages by jumping down to the fire.

But this time he had a better way. Instead of jumping into the fire, he shouted. "Merry Christmas!"

We enjoy Christmas time, always.

So we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our island home.