**'Twas the day before the cookie exchange, when all through the house  
  
the smells of baked cookies consumed the whole house!  
  
The oven is sighing and each baker near crying,  
  
In hopes that her baking will soon come to an end.  
  
The cookies are cooling and stacked to the ceiling  
  
12 dozen cookies are needed and all the same kind;  
  
Next they'll be packaged then decorated with imagination**



**all in the hopes of winning a great prize**

**Tomorrow will be here when we all can relax**

**You can look forward to meeting new friends and old friends at last**

**Share baking stories and nosh on some food,**



**Sip some wine and begin to enjoy this holiday time.**

**The baking behind you, no need to do more**

**You will leave with 12 dozen cookies to eat and explore.**

**Now go take a rest before you collapse**

**I look forward to seeing all of you tomorrow at last.   
  
"Now, Julie & JoAnn, Lorri and Dottie!  Now, Tina, Maria and Sandi!  
  
On, Ilene, Barbara and Karole! On, Pat, Maria and Bobbie!  
  
To the top of dough! to the top oven!  
  
Now bake away! bake away! bake away all!"  
  
  
*"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."***

