

## A 2020 Homage to Baxter Black's "Rudolph's Night Off"

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Baxter Black is a Cowboy Poet and veterinarian and his fondness for and knowledge of animals shows through in much of his work, as does his love for this country and its people. Much of his work revolves around Western themes, sometimes serious, and sometimes very humorous. If you didn't hear me read "Rudolph's Night Off" on the air last year, please find the time to treat yourself and your family and friends by going online and reading it now.

In "Rudolph's Night Off" Christmas is saved by "old Billy, the goat from Lampasas" -- in Texas, of course. I have a winter home in Lampasas that I don't get to enjoy half enough, so that right there struck a chord with me; we had so much fun with Baxter Black's original poem last year that we decided to try our hand at a sequel. The result is a "homage" --- where you take someone else's work, their style, and maybe a bit of their subject matter and try to add to it or celebrate it -- in this case, with a sequel, in which old Billy ropes his cousins into helping him save Christmas.

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<http://annavonreitz.com/homagetobaxterblack.pdf>

Many thanks to all of you for sticking with me, as I have stuck by you. Thank you to all those who have contributed to our government reform and restoration efforts this past year--- it is making a difference and it is serving to protect people from their own misdirected public employees. May the seeds we have planted in 2019 bear much fruit now and in the years to come.

As the Greatest Teacher said, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Lift up your eyes and see the salvation that is already present and alive within each one of us. Let the true miracle of Bethlehem abide in you, and be blessed with peace. And remember to have fun in spite of all those who are stuck in a quagmire of fear. Light your candles, sing your songs, and let freedom reign.

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