

Ode to a Holiday Hostess
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T'was the month before Christmas
And all through the land,
Women are dreaming of
Premier's Hostess Plan.

Having looked through the catalog
She wants it all!
Holly booked a show when
The jewelry lady called!

Later on the phone
There arose such a clatter
About Holly's home show
(And some other matters!)

Holly's excited!
She's lively and quick!
She jots down her wish list!
Her heels give a click!

She shows the catalog
To one and to all
Giving her friends
And her family a call.

Hoping her jewelry dreams
Soon will come true,
Holly plans what she'll serve
Coffee and cookies and sugarplums, too!

The night of her home show
The Jewelry Lady comes in
And greets Holly warmly
With a hug and a grin.

They say a few words
The Jewelry Lady gets to work
Then Holly says,
When my friends see this jewelry,
They'll all go berserk!

Her house is soon warm
With the arrival of guests
Holly is wearing the pieces
That she likes the best!

They nibble on goodies
Then all gather round
When the jewelry is modeled
OH! What a sound!

They giggle! They model!
Each and everyone!
They place their orders and
Have lots of fun!

Holly is happy
At the end of the night!
She says good-bye to her guests
And hugs each one tight.

The Jewelry Lady announces,
"It's time for you and for me
to see how much jewelry
You're getting for FREE!"

Sienna, Katrina, Angelina,
There's more?
Bellissimo, Primrose...
Are you kidding?
Still four?

Holly just sits there
Shaking her head
All of this jewelry
And my checkbook's not in the red!

By the time they are finished
Holly wants to shout!
Each piece on her wish list
Has been checked and crossed out!

The Jewelry Lady packs up
And as she drives out of sight
Holly says, "Merry Christmas!
What fun and a really great night!"