

LaJemme

What Color is Santa?

Some people believe Santa must be **white**
For to be **right** must match North Polar **snow**.
Folks in the **know** insist other's **insight**
to myth might **blight** beliefs from long **ago**.

He can't be ethnic, black, beige **brown**
with a stern **frown** state unchanging **folk**.
Others **miss-spoke** -- fiction is **true**
as nation's **hue changes**.

Other traditions **celebrate**.
Viewpoints **debate**; **rearranges**
complexion **range** of **gentlefolk**
in a new **stroke** is **strange**.

New Santa mutations, different **names**
making new **claims** on our holiday **plans**.
Cultural **clans** with their seasonal **aims**
revive old **flames**, contrive their own new **bans**.

Who can solve problem of blanched Santa's **plight**
who brings **delight** wherever he may **go**.
Renew his **glow**. No color is a **blight**
To all-hued **light** for our bright Christmas **show!**

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1. Five stanzas. Iambic preferred.
2. Stanza #1 10 syllables per line. Rhyme scheme: a-b-a-b. 4th syllable of each line rhymes with the end rhyme of the previous line.
3. Stanza #2 Syllable count: 8-8-8-6 . Rhyme scheme: c-d-e-f Still has 4th syllable cross rhyme.
4. Stanza #3 Syllable count: 8-8-8-6. Rhyme scheme: g-f-d-f. 4th syllable cross rhyme.
5. Stanza #4 10 syllables per line. Rhyme scheme: h-i-h-i . 4th syllable cross rhyme.
6. Stanza #5 10 syllable lines. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b. 4th syllable cross rhyme.