

Santa's Summer Vacation

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Eight reindeer fly
Across July
To get suntanned
In surf and sand.
They spread the news
In Santa Cruise
Where movie queens
In limousines
Cure Mrs. Claus's
Winter blahs,
While Santa laughs,
Signs autographs—
Love, Santa C.
His fantasy?
To dip a toe
In that big o-
cean, knowing they
Can holiday,
And just this once,
For two whole months,
Enjoy themselves
Without the elves.

