Then came the woodman with his gleaming ax, And cut him down, And took him to the noisy distant mart, The busy town.

At last within a city mansion bright, He stood with dainty sweets and gifts bedight, A_flash with many a tiny candle's light.

And now the fir-tree's quickly pulsing heart,
Was full of glee,
For happy fate had chosen him to be,
A Christmas-tree.
And there with little children clust'ring 'round,
Where Christmas joy and Christmas gifts abound,
The little fir-tree had his mission found.

20. Christmas Carol.

