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## A Visit From Thieves, Whose Patron Saint is St Nicholas

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In the weeks before Christmas, all through some nights,  
Creatures were stirring, in hopes that they might,  
Find a car door unlocked, and inside find keys!  
(The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
But cars? Unlocked — as if thieves wouldn't dare.)  
As children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
Handles were pulled, doors opened, and then —  
SUVs, pickups and sedans were driven  
On out of town, fast as Donder and Blitzen!  
A hard night's day, would be 11 December:  
On Kona Road, a Land Rover was stolen,  
In typical fashion — unlocked and keys in.  
The homeowner — abed for a long winter's nap.

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But at 5:15 a.m. it's end came with a snap!  
For the dogs started barking and made such a clatter,  
He sprang from his bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window he flew and looked out  
When, what to his wondering eyes should appear,  
But his guest's SUV driven off — disappeared!  
More rapid than eagles the call soon went through —  
To Darien police at 5:52.  
And other cops got word of the vehicle stolen  
And kept their eyes peeled, as the thieves were in motion.  
In Greenwich, police saw it on I-95,  
At 6:07, northbound, near Exit 5.  
In Darien, in just minutes, a cop it flew past,  
By Exit 10, northbound, and, boy, it went fast.  
At about eight, Land Rover reported, it was in New Haven,  
Still being driven, it's journey not ended.  
But at 7:07 p.m., police said, the thieves' ride was over,  
It was left in New Haven. No more roving, this Rover —  
Found and recovered, so we say with delight:  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

— *doggerel*, with apologies [to Mr. Moore](#)