

# Perfect ending . . .

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Which brings up a point. Do you realize how many different words we have for being drunk? There's lubed, like I just used, and blitzed, and Hemingway used to say stinking, and wasted is a good one. Or how about smashed, snookered, hammered, or plastered? Whatever you say they all mean the same thing.

Anyway, we sing "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire," which is my favorite, and then we watch a football game. I've drunk quite a bit by now, but I can't give you the exact figures, because real men don't count beers. Real women don't either, as far as I know.

We start talking about the past year and all the good things that have happened. We try to forget the bad things because it is Christmas. Somebody says that next year is 1984, and we all start looking around for Big Brother, who is supposedly watching us. The closest we came was the lady next door, who was watching us from her window. We quieted down.

It was getting pretty late so some of us started to leave. Some of the people that didn't drink gave some of the more wasted, snookered, plastered

(choose one) ones a ride home.

We all really cared about one another, so we saw to it that nobody that was blitzed, lubed, hammered (choose one) drove home.

That really helped to make it a perfect Christmas party, even if I didn't drive up in a Mercedes, and even if I wasn't impeccably dressed. It was perfect because we all saw to it that the next day we still had all of our friends. No one was killed in an alcohol-related traffic accident and no one was arrested. Now, that wasn't so serious, was it?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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