

A bowl for the reindeer

Read it aloud on Christmas Eve, just before the bowl goes out.

A bowl full of oats with some seeds on the top
for eight hungry reindeer who need a quick stop.
No glitter, no sprinkles, just good, simple things
for hooves and for noses, for feathers and wings.

We set the bowl out on the step or the wall,
then hop into bed (and we WON'T peek at all).
Dancer eats dancing, so he's messy, it's true,
and the birds clean the bowl in the morning for you.

