

Christmas Sweeping Poem
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(This chant is a way of claiming performance space in a room not designed for performance. The stanzas should be divided up among the performers - while one is declaiming, the others sweep. Please encourage silliness. The last line of each stanza - "Sweep the floor! Sweep the floor!" - is meant to be hollered by all the performers, not spoken in unison.)

Sweep, sweep, sweep the floor,
and make a place for Christmas here!
Sweep in the songs, sweep in the stories,
Sweep in Memory, sweep in Glory.
Sweep the floor! Sweep the floor!

Sweep, sweep, sweep the ceiling,
Sweep in a cloud of joyful feelings!
Sweep out anger, greed, and folly,
Sweep in evergreen and holly.
Sweep the floor! Sweep the floor!

Sweep, sweep, sweep this place,
Sweep in a time for holy grace.
Comfort your heart with a swing of the broom
And sweep some Christmas into this room.
Sweep the floor! Sweep the floor!

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