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Part 1: Write a Simile

Fill in the blank to create a Christmas simile.

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2. The Christmas bells sounded like _____.
3. On Christmas Eve the house was as quiet as _____.
4. Like _____ the snow began to fall.
5. Lacy wrapped the present as carefully as _____.

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Answers: Student's choice. Example of correct answers:

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2. The Christmas bells sounded like soft angel voices.
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4. Like white flower petals the snow began to fall.
5. Lacy wrapped the present as carefully as a newborn baby.

Part 2: Write a Metaphor

Below are traditional Christmas items. Write a sentence for each one that includes a metaphor.

1. stocking **My stocking was so full it seemed to oink.**
2. candy cane **The candy canes on the tree stood guard over the presents.**
3. star **The star on the tree was a beacon of good cheer.**
4. ornament **The ornaments were moons orbiting a tree planet.**
5. cookies **The cookies were a tasty thank you note from the children.**