

# Christmas Snooping

WOW... One month from today is one of the most perfect nights of the year... better get started. I'm sure I can fill my blog with many a holiday tale by then. This one was prompted by an email that was sent to me which I forward to a bunch of people. A list of questions that got me even more in the spirit of things. One of the questions was

- What was the WORST Christmas present you ever received?

My answer was quite cryptic as I replied that it was a "keyboard that I THOUGHT I was getting after someone else snooped and informed me of." Santa always delivers our presents early and strategically hides them throughout the house. How else can he get to all those houses in one night? Anyway, my second oldest brother who is extremely fond of pulling little pranks (if you know him at all then you can imagine). One day, he was investigating one of Santa's favorite hiding places and came upon a small keyboard and immediately thought that he knew to whom it would be going. He subsequently told that person of his discovery. So, Christmas morning came and no keyboard. At our extended family gathering, my cousin opened up said keyboard. Of course Chad had to have been the one to open his mouth and say "oops. I thought that was for you." At the time, I am sure that I was a bit let down but soon after everytime the incident is mentioned, everyone in the know gets a big laugh. Lesson learned by me: don't trust everything your older brother tells you, especially THAT one. I'm not sure if Chad learned any lesson that year, but judging from other years, I don't think so. It was a pretty easy prank to pull since Dan and I are both musically inclined.