

'Grandma got run over by a reindeer' has roots in Tahoe

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It arrived 30 years ago, a rebellious little ditty that became the ultimate anti-Christmas carol by killing off an eggnog-loving Grandma in the very first line.

But over those three decades, "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" has managed to become something of a holiday classic. Songwriter Randy Brooks estimates that 40 million copies have been sold in various guises, from the earliest version on 45-rpm vinyl to today's singing ornaments and plush toys and ring tone downloads.

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