Dear Santa,

I write my Christmas letter
By the oven’s fiery glow.
’Cause I’ve got dreams and wishes,
Though I’m only made of dough.

I wish I had some cowboy boots,
And a pair of stonewashed jeans.
I know I’m just a cookie,
But my fashion sense is keen.

A leather jacket would be great,
Or, failing that, a sweater.
These candy buttons aren’t so cool--
A zipper suits me better.

I’d really love some Ray-Ban shades
To hide my raisin eyes.
And a purple wool fedora,
If they make them in my size.

So, thanks for listening, Santa.
I thought it worth a try.
But you’d really better hurry--
They’re finished with their pie!
**The Gingerbread Man’s Lament**
by Ruth Donnelly

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   **Santa had better hurry because he might be eaten soon.**

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   **He is in the oven, or near the oven. (“By the oven’s fiery glow.”)**