

Dear Aywren,

It's the fifth of December
and as you might remember,
there's a strange Dutch holiday.
The whole country's insane today!
For one day, everyone is a poet
and eats unhealthy amounts of chocolate,

in the shape of their initials
while singing lots of carols.
Not of Christmas but of me,
Their saint from across the sea.



All the children think I'm real and alive.
Of course, they all watched me arrive
by steamboat in the harbor,
not knowing there's an actor
wearing red robes and a fake beard.
They all sung and cheered
for me and my horse Amerigo,
for all of them do know
he carries me across the roofs,
going tiptoe with his hoofs.
We won't want to wake them up,
or so said the grownup.
And my servant called Black Pete,
he's a real acrobat and athlete.
His name he got from the chimney,
through which he climbs so quietly,
to put some candy in a kid's shoe
and they never have a clue...



I'm an entire nation's figment,
which brings us to my predicament:

Because this year you joined the fray,
and helped someone with a game you play.
I don't often cross the ocean
but one thing is very certain:
that the makers of Wayrift
do deserve from me a gift.
But I was thinking much to classic,
looking for something to send across the Atlantic,
something that has to be shipped.
("Air OMEGA!" Kip quipped)
But I was told by someone smart,
that what you really like is art.
It doesn't matter if it's no Rembrandt,
as even stick figures can be grand.



So I went to one of your fans,

and told him of my plans.
But then he said:
“I can't draw that!
There's only one thing I can draw,
but if I can make it defy the law
of gravity, if I can make it lift,
then it will fit perfectly into Wayrift!”

there's just one thing left to say
before letting your figments go and play
with this new toy of theirs:
it's important each of them shares,
because teamwork is the key.
Even if it's no longer in the sea.

Now, let the figments fly,
as I must say goodbye.
But you might just hear
from me again next year

Sincerely,
Sinterklaas