

Christmas Wrapping

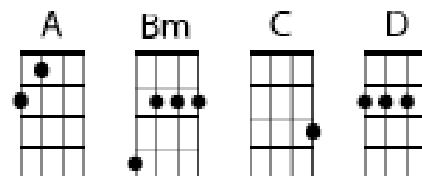
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A A
Bah Humbug; now that's too strong! 'Cause it is my favorite holiday
D C// Bm//
But all this year's been a busy blur don't think I have the energy
A A
To add to my already mad rush just 'cause it 'tis the season
D C// Bm//
The perfect gift for me would be completions and connections left from
A A D
Last year ski shop encounter most interesting had his number but never the time
C// Bm// A
Most of '81 passed along those lines so deck those halls. Trim those trees
A D
Raise up cups of Christmas cheer I just need to catch my breath
Bm// A// A A A
Christmas by myself this year

A A
Calendar picture. Frozen landscape, chill this room for twenty-four days
D C// Bm//
Evergreens. Sparkling snow. Get this winter over with!
A A
Flash back to spring time saw him again would have been good to go for lunch
D C// Bm//
Couldn't agree when we were both free we tried, we said we'd keep in touch
A A
Didn't of course 'till summer time out to the beach to his boat could I join him?
D C// Bm//
No. This time it was me sunburn in the third degree
A A
Now the calendar's just one page of course I am excited
D Bm// A// A A A
Tonight's the night I've set my mind not to do too much about it

A A
Merry Christmas; Merry Christmas but I think I'll miss this one this year **<4 times>**

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A A
 Hardly dashing through the snow 'cause I bundled up too tight
 D C// Bm//
 Last minute have-to-dos: A few cards, a few calls because it's
 A A
 R-S-V-P. No, thanks. No party lights
 D C// Bm//
 It's Christmas Eve, gonna relax, turn down all of my invites
 A A
 Last fall I had a night to myself same guy called; Halloween party
 D C// Bm//
 Waited all night for him to show. this time his car wouldn't go
 A A
 Forget it, it's cold, it's getting late trudge on home to celebrate
 D Bm// A// A A A
 In a quiet way unwind doing Christmas right this time

A A
 A&P provided me with the world's smallest turkey
 D C// Bm//
 Already in the oven, nice and hot, oh damn! Guess what I forgot?
 A A
 So on with the boots back out in the snow to the only all night grocery
 D
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear
 C// Bm//
 In the line is that guy I've been chasing all year
 A A
 'Spending this one alone,' he said 'Give me a break, this year's been crazy.'
 D C// Bm//
 I said 'Me too, but why are you, you mean you forgot cranberries too?'
 A A
 Then suddenly we laughed and laughed caught on to what was happening.
 D Bm// A// A A A
 That Christmas magic's brought this tale to a very happy ending

A A
 Merry Christmas; Merry Christmas, couldn't miss this one this year

<repeat last line over and over and over!>

