

Thank you very much.

Our next selection was written by Mel Torme. What was his nickname? Right, the Velvet Fog. According to Mel, back in 1944 he dropped in to visit a friend of his who had just written a lyric which started out "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose. Yuletide carols being sung by a choir, and folks dressed up like Eskimos." Mel loved the lyric and sat down at a piano. 35 minutes later, he had written the music.

This song is one of the most popular Christmas songs ever recorded. Along with Mel, the song has been recorded by Nat King Cole, Andy Williams, Bing Crosby, Doris Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Glen Campbell, John Denver, Johnny Mathis and many, many others.

So, here we go with our version of "The Christmas Song."