

It Doesn't Have To Be That Way  
Jim Croce

C            Cmaj7                    C6        C  
Snowy nights and Christmas lights,

F            Em                    Dm7     G7  
Icy window panes,

C            Cmaj7        C6            C        D7  
Make me wish that we could be

D7                    G7  
Together again

                  C        Cmaj7    C6    C  
And the windy winter avenues

F                    Em                    Dm7  
Just don't seem the same,

G7            C                    Cmaj7    C6            C  
And the Christmas carols sound like blues,

                  F                    G7                    C  
But the choir is not to blame

CHORUS:

G7        C                    F                    Em  
But it doesn't have to be that way

F                    Em                    F    Em F        Em C  
What we had should never have ended

                  F                    Em  
I'll be dropping by today

F                    Em                    F        Em F  
Dm C    D7  
Cause we could easily get it together tonight

G7                    C                    G7  
It's only right

C            Cmaj7        C6            C  
Crowded stores, the corner Santa Claus,

F                    Em                    G7

Tinseled afternoons,

**C Cmaj7 C6 C D7**  
And the sidewalk bands that play their songs

**G7**  
Slightly out of tune

**C Cmaj7 C6 C**  
On the windy winter avenues

**F Em Dm7 G7**  
There walks a lonely man,

**C Cmaj7 C6 C**  
And if I told you who he is,

**F G7 C**  
Well I think you d understand

[CHORUS 2x]

and that is all there is to it, if you feel any of this is wrong please e-mail  
me at  
thank you and enjoy playing this amazing song