

In Praise Of Christmas
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[Intro]

C Dm Am E Am
C Dm Am E Am
Am G Am G

[Verse]

Am G F C
All hail to the days that merit more praise
Dm E
Than all of the rest of the year
Am G F C
And welcome the nights that double delights
Dm E
As well for the poor as the peer

[Verse]

C Dm
Good fortune attend each merry man s friend
Am E Am
That doth but the best that he may
C Dm
Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs
Am E Am C
To drive the cold winter away

[Verse]

Am G F C
Tis ill for a mind to anger inclined
Dm E
To think of small injuries now
Am G F C
If wrath be to seek, do not lend her thy cheek
Dm E
Nor let her inhabit thy brow

[Verse]

C Dm
Cross out of thy books malevolent looks
Am E Am
Both beauty and youth s decay
C Dm
And wholly consort with mirth and with sport
Am E Am C
To drive the cold winter away

[Verse]

Am G F C

This time of the year is spent in good cheer

Dm E
And neighbors together do meet
Am G F C
To sit by the fire with friendly desire
Dm E
Each other in love to greet

[Verse]

C Dm
Old grudges forgot are put in the pot
Am E Am
All sorrows aside they lay
C Dm
The old and the young doth carol this song
Am E Am C
To drive the cold winter away

[Instrumental]

Am G F C Dm E
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C Dm Am E Am
C Dm Am E Am

[Verse]

Am G F C
When Christmastide comes in like a bride
Dm E
With holly and ivy clad
Am G F C
Twelve days in the year much mirth and good cheer
Dm E
In every household is had

[Verse]

C Dm
The country guise is then to devise
Am E Am
Some gambols of Christmas play
C Dm
Whereat the young men do the best that they can
Am E Am
To drive the cold winter away

[Outro]

Am G F C Dm E
Am G F C Dm E