

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

Am G F C Dm E

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