

**The Christmas Song**  
**Nat King Cole**

I couldn't get on with the original chords starting in C but found this version in an easy piano chords book. This is not a perfect version by any means but it translates quite well to guitar. I've typed out some instructions as I've experienced how frustrating it is to fathom out how best to play the chords for this song if you're not a particularly experienced guitarist.

Capo 3rd Fret

Verse One:

Start in A (002220), bar the 2nd fret for the Bm7 (224232), up 2 frets for the C#m7 (446454), then up one fret for the Dmaj7 (557675) which allows you to run straight back down the C#m7 then Bm7. The second line is easy open chords with A (002220), Em7 (020000) to A7 (002020) then Dmaj7 (x00222) followed by the G9 (300003). The third line is A (002220) then G9 (300003) then bar the 2nd fret for the F#m7 (242222) then bar the 6th fret for the Ebm7 (668676) straight down one fret to the D7 (557575) then start the last line- down one fret to the C#maj7 (446564) then up one fret for the Dm7 (557565) then back to open chords for the G9 (300003) and Cmaj7 (332000) then finally bar the 2nd fret for the Bm7 (224232) and down one fret for the **Bbmaj7** (113231).

Verse Two:

The first three lines are the same as verse one however the last line is different. So after the D7 (557575) at the end of the 3rd line you start the rundown barring the 4th fret for C#m7 (446454) down one fret to Cmaj7 (335453) then down another fret to Bm7 (224232) then one more fret to Bbmaj7 (113231) and finally ending on the standard A chord (002220).

Bridge:

The line starts on the A chord as ending on the 2nd verse then a standard Em7 (020000) then A7 (002020) and then Dmaj7 (x00222) staying on this chord for the start of the second line before going back to the Em7 (020000) then A7 (002020) then Dmaj7 (x00222). Stay on this chord for the start of the third line before going to Dm7 (x00211) then G7 (320001) and then Cmaj7 (332000) then the last line is a B7 (x21202) and E7 (020100).

Verse Three:

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A            Bm7                    C#m7            Dmaj7 (C#m7 Bm7)  
Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
A            Em7 / A7            Dmaj7    G9  
Jack Frost nipping at your nose  
A            G9                    F#m7            (Ebm7 / D7)  
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir  
          C#maj7            Dm7            G9    Cmaj7 Bm7 Bbmaj7  
And folks dressed up like Eskimos..... everybody

A            Bm7                    C#m7            Dmaj7 (C#m7 Bm7)  
knows a turkey and some mistletoe  
A            Em7 / C7            Dmaj7    G9  
Help to make the season bright  
A            G9                    F#m7            (Ebm7 / D7)  
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow  
          C#m7    Cmaj7    Bm7    Bbmaj7 A  
Will find it hard to sleep to.... night

          Em7            A7            Dmaj7  
They know that Santa s on his way  
          Em7                    A7                    Dmaj7  
He s loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh  
          Dm7                    G7            Cmaj7  
And every mother s child is gonna spy  
          B7                                    E7  
To see if reindeer really know how to fly

A            Bm7                    C#m7    Dmaj7 (C#m7 Bm7)  
And so I m offering this simple phrase  
A            Em7 / A7            Dmaj7    G9  
To kids from one to ninety-two  
          A                    G9            F#m7            (Ebm7 / D7)  
Although it s been said many times, many ways  
          C#m7 / Cmaj7 / Bm7 / E7 / A  
Merry Christmas..... to.. you