

Only At Christmas Time
Sufjan Stevens

from vol. II of Songs for Christmas, this is an original by sufjan
he finger picks this one, which i will give an example of,
but you can just play the chords and it sounds very good

- chords used: **Am-** (x02210)
- G/Am-** (320010)
- F-** (133211)
- C-** (x32010)
- G-** (320001)
- C/Am-** (x32210)

the picking pattern sufjan uses goes like this:

	Am		G/Am
e	-----		-----
B	-----1-1-----1-1-----1-----1-1----1-1----1-1---		-----1-1-----1-1-----1-----1-1----1-1----1-1---
G	-----		-----
D	-----2-2-----2-2-----2-----0-0----0-0----0-0---		-----0-0-----0-0-----0-----0-0----0-0----0-0---
A	---0-----0-----0-----		-----
E	-----		-----3-----3-----3-----

	F		G/Am
e	-----		-----
B	-----1-1-----1-1-----1-----1-1----1-1----1-1---		-----1-1-----1-1-----1-----1-1----1-1----1-1---
G	-----		-----
D	-----3-3-----3-3-----3-----0-0----0-0----0-0---		-----0-0-----0-0-----0-----0-0----0-0----0-0---
A	-----		-----
E	---1-----1-----1-----		-----3-----3-----3-----

this carries through the whole song, just change the chord shapes during the chorus--

also i find it easiest to just keep you index finger on the b string on the first fret throughout the verses, even during the F chord during that F, just use your thumb for the bass note on the low E string

no capo-- standard tuning

Am	G/Am	F
Only to bring you peace,		
	G/Am	Am
Only at Christmas time,		
	G/Am	F
Only the King of Kings,		
	G/Am	Am
Only what once was mine,		
	G/Am	F
It takes the end of time,		
	G/Am	Am

It takes a long, long time,

G/Am F

Only one thought of mine,

G/Am C

Only at Christmas time.

C G/Am (or possibly just **G**, not sure)

He brings us peace,

F

He brings us joy,

G/Am Am (or maybe **C/Am**, you decide)

He brings all thoughts to destroy,

G/Am C

Only at Christmas time,

C G/Am

To bring us peace,

F

To bring us joy,

G/Am Am

To bring all thoughts to destroy,

G/Am Am

Only at Christmas time.

Am G/Am F

Only at Christmas time,

G/Am Am

Only a dream to cry,

G/Am F

Only at Christmas time,

G/Am Am

If you can read the sign,

G/Am F

Only at Christmas time,

G/Am Am

Everything lost will be found,

G/Am F

Only at Christmas time,

G/Am C

Only at Christmas time

thats it-- rate it and leave any comments or corrections-- thanks