

Christmas Comes but Once a Year

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1. Let's
2. We'll
3. An -

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1. dance and sing and make good cheer, For Christ - mas comes but once a year. The hol-ly shall deck our
2. doff the old gen-tle-man's man-tle of snows, The ic - i - cles peel from his doub-let and hose. We'll thaw the blue tint from his
3. on and de-spite ev-ery whale - bone prude, Our fro-lic-some las - ses un - sub-dued Shall rouse the old man from his

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1. house-hold gear With its bloom-ing win-ter cher - ry; We'll burn the Yule log, ma-ny tap-ers we'll light, And with
2. frost-bit-ten nose With a cup of mulled sack and sher - ry; Then the brawn and roast beef and the tur-key and chin, The
3. drow - sy mood With the mis-tle-toe bough and its ber - ry; Then hey for a romp and a shriek and a bound, A

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1. hearts more warm, and with looks more bright, We'll put the cold weath-er and
 2. pud - ding, mince pie, and plum por - ridge di - vine, The sting - o, the lambs-wool, the
 3. coun - try dance and a mer - ry - go - round, And the Lord of Mis - rule as in

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1. care to flight, And make old Christ - mas mer - ry.
 2. nuts and the wine Shall make old Christ - mas mer - ry.
 3. du - ty bound Shall make old Christ - mas mer - ry.