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"Po' Folks Christmas"

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There's a whole lotta people lookin' down their noses at me
Cause I didn't come from a wealthy family
I guess I learned to take it for most of the year
But every December when Christmas drew near
And all the other families were out spreadin' cheer we
was sittin' home being po' folks
Our Christmas shopping was thumblin' through the new
catalog
Lookin' and a wishin' and a wantin' everything we saw
Little toy trains and little toy boats and sister kept
lookin' at the little girl's coats
We all sat down and wrote Santa a note but Santa don't
come to see po' folks
And we wadn't nothing but po' folks
Po' folks livin' way in the country we never heard the
jingle of the jingle bells
Ho ho ho we was po po po' and if we had Christmas
well we just made it ourselves
Daddy took a hatchet and daddy chopped a pine tree
down
The only decorations were the ones we made or found
Brother saw some holly in the rich men's yard he
picked it up fast and ran home hard
And mama knew he stole it but bless her heart
Christmas ain't easy on po' folks
And it ain't no time for whipping po' folks
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I remember one Christmas it was blowing and a
snowing mean
Wadn't nothing in the kitchen but a few of mama's
homecanned beans
Some ladies from the church brought a basket of food
Mama kinda smiled and she said that's good
But why don't you all just take it to the folks that live
down the road
They ain't got as much as we do huh why they're just
po' folks
She only kept a chicken and enough to make some
homemade bread
But you'd've thought we was feastin' from the
blessings that my daddy said

And later when kids was tucked in tight
And the fire wadn't nothin' but a flickering light
You oughta heard my mama sing Silent Night
Cause that's what you do when you're po' folks and we
wadn't nothin' but po' folks
Christmas time when you're po' folks
The Lord sure must've loved us po' folks ha ha he
made a passel of us
Everybody at my house was po' folks why most of the
time we was po'
We couldn't even pay attention mercy Christmas time
when you're po' folks

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