

Hank Snow

"A Letter To Santa Claus"

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Dear Santa Claus, It's been so long
So long since I have written
Since as a kid in happy house I dwelled
I've moved from there and now I live
On disillusion avenue
And I've been here longer than I care to tell

The twinkling bells of hope and joy
The laughter that rang in my voice
Have silenced more and more as time goes by
Those treasured gifts from other years
Are tarnished, lost or stained with tears
So Santa would you bring a new supply

CHORUS

I'll be hanging up my empty heart this Christmas
Please fill it full with love and hope and cheer
My faith is gone, my courage low, my patience ran out
long ago
Dear Santa Claus I need so much this year

SPOKEN

Bring a basket of forgetfulness to cover up the
bitterness
And the grudges that I've gathered through the years

And leave a large bag of forgiveness
To give out to those who robbed me
Of my laughter that sometimes filled my eyes with
tears
And Santa please a box piled high with love and
understanding
That I could share with all my neighbors and my friends
And leave one new temper cause I lost mine
Lost it one too many times
And make the new one longer if you can

CHORUS

I'll be hanging up my empty heart this Christmas
Please fill it full with love and hope and cheer
Tuck in some smiles to give away and some to wear for
every day

Dear Santa Claus I need so much this year

SPOKEN

Please Santa fill my empty heart this year

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