

Carly Simon

"The Night Before Christmas"

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Your mother is a lunatic
You think you've left the oven on
You find out there's no Santa Claus
You're doggy can't remember you
You want to move up to Vermont
You just ran out of underwear
Your prescription won't renew
You just ran into your ex
The handyman was very rude
Your landlord just evicted you
It's cosy by the fireplace
You really have to blow your nose
It must, it must, it must go on
Arnold says it must go on
Children carry through the streets
A brilliant painted star
Angels gather 'round the hearth
Strumming on guitars
Men of great renown and faith
Say prayers on boulevards
It's the night before Christmas

But you don't have to be an angel
To sing harmony
And you don't have to be a child
To love the mystery
And you don't have to be a wise man
On bended knee
The heart of this Christmas is in you and me

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If you're heart's been longing
And you've been afraid to try
Sorrow's kept you company
And the dance has passed you by
I'll lift you up and blaze with you
Across the moonlit sky
On the night before Christmas

'Cause you don't have to be an angel

To sing in harmony
And you don't have to be a child to love the mystery
And you don't have to be a wise man
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