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## Christy Moore "January Man"

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The January man he goes around in woolen coat and boots

Of leather

The February man still shakes the snow from off his Clothes and blows his hands

The man of March he sees the Spring and wonders what

The year will bring

And hopes for better weather.

Through April rain the man goes down to watch the birds

come in to share the summer

The man of May stands very still to watch the children dance away the day

In June the man inside the man is young and wants to lend a hand

and smiles at each new comer.

In July the man in cotton short he sits and thinks and being idle

The August man in thousands take the road to find the sun and watch the sea

September man is standing near to saddle up another year

And Autumn is his bridle

The man of new October takes the rain and early frost is on his shoulder

The poor November man sees fire and mist and wind and

rain and winter ere

December man looks through the snow to let eleven

brothers know

They're all a little older

The January man he comes around again in coat and boots

of leather

To take another turn and walk along the icy roads he knows so well

The January man is here the start of each and every year
Along the road forever...

## CHRISTY'S COMMENT

if memory serves me right I met the author when I played the auld triangle folk club in Edinburgh in the late 60s.I seem to recall hearing the song from Derek McEwan, my old companero, in Rochdale when we were billetted together for a spell of dwelt above a fruit and veg shop so movements were extremely regular and anything not sold was turned into wine.I recall a lovely drop of parsnip at Xmas '68 and a rogueish little carrot the following it tasted better if preceeded by 12-14 pints of John Willie Lees best bitter from nearby Midleton Up our Kid.

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