

## Mary Chapin Carpenter

# "The Longest Night of the Year"

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They say that spring will come again--  
No one knows exactly when.  
Still the sun's a long lost friend  
On the longest night of the year.

We stare into the firelight  
While December beats outside  
Where the darkest hearts reside  
On the longest night of the year

So keep me safe and hold me tight  
Let the candle burn all night  
Tomorrow welcome back the night  
It was longest night of the year

I used to think the world was small  
Bright and shining like a ball  
Seems I don't know much at all  
On the longest night of the year

We press our faces to the glass  
And see our little lives go past  
Wave to shadows that we cast  
On the longest night of the year

So keep me safe and hold me tight,  
Let the candle burn all night,  
Tomorrow welcome back the light.  
'Twas the longest night of the year

Make a vow when Solstice comes:  
To find the Light in everyone  
Keep the faith and bang the drum  
On the longest night of the year

So keep me safe and hold me tight,  
Let the candle burn all night,  
Tomorrow welcome back the light.  
'Twas the longest night of the year

So keep me safe and hold me tight,  
Let the candle burn all night,  
Tomorrow welcome back the light.  
After the longest night of the year

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