## The Be Good Tanyas "Rudy"

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Rudy lives on the borderline
Between civilization and basic survival
And the summertime treats him fairly well
But the wintertime is a dirty cold rival.
It's wintertime now in Georgetown,
The streets come alive with the Christmas light
And Rudy sleeps on a warm air grate,
With a newspaper blanket on December nights.

Deck the halls,
Rudolph the red-nosed wino
Knows it's Christmas time.
Jingle Bells and Christmas shoppers.
Dashing through the snow.
God rest ye merry gentlemen
Who've found it in your hearts
To flip Rudy a thin
And I'll be home for Christmas,
But this man has
No place to go.

Christmas has a meaning at all,
The people of greed and incredible waste,
They seek the deeper meaning
In the shopping mall,
In a yuletide spirit
Of impatience and hate.
Rudy is a patient man,
Who tries to see the beauty in everything.
Yes, and not a very demanding soul,
Whose only wish is
To live until the Spring.

Nobody knows the reasons why Things turn out Like the way they do. And there ain't no one to tell you The reasons why There's fortunate folks Like me and you. Rudy must have people somewhere, Who wonder what Became of the man. And Rudy must wonder The same damn thing As the crowd passes by And he sticks out his hand.

Deck the halls,
Rudolph the red-nosed wino
Knows it's Christmas time.
Jingle Bells in the Christmas Shop.
Others dashing through the snow.
God rest ye merry gentlemen
Who have found it in your hearts
To flip Rudy a thin,
And I'll be home for Christmas,
But this man has
No place to go.

Rudy died on the borderline,
Of a civilized world
On Christmas Eve.
You know the shoppers shopped,
And the temperatures dropped,
On a man whose absence
Won't be grieved.
Peace on the soul of the cop
Who found him dead in a booth
With his hand frozen to a telephone.
You know, I think I know
Who he had on the line,
And Rudy won't spend
This Christmas alone.

Deck the halls,
Rudolph the red-nosed wino
Knows it's Christmas time.
Jingle Bells in the Christmas Shop.
Others dashing through the snow.
God rest ye merry gentlemen
Who have found it in your hearts
To flip Rudy a thin,
And I'll be home for Christmas,
And this year,
Rudy gets to go.
Yeah, I'll be home for Christmas.
And this year, Rudy gets to go.

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