

## Various Artists "Christmas"

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Bah, humbug!" No, that's too strong  
'Cause it is my favorite holiday  
But all this year's been a busy blur  
Don't think I have the energy

To add to my already mad rush  
Just 'cause it's 'tis the season.  
The perfect gift for me would be  
Completions and connections left from

Last year, ski shop,  
Encounter, most interesting.  
Had his number but never the time  
Most of '81 passed along those lines.

So deck those halls, trim those trees  
Raise up cups of Christmas cheer,  
I just need to catch my breath,  
Christmas by myself this year.

Calendar picture, frozen landscape,  
Chilled this room for twenty-four days,  
Evergreens, sparkling snow  
Get this winter over with!

Flashback to springtime, saw him again,  
Would've been good to go for lunch,  
Couldn't agree when we were both free,  
We tried, we said we'd keep in touch.

Didn't, of course, 'til summertime,  
Out to the beach to his boat could I join him?  
No, this time it was me,  
Sunburn in the third degree.

Now the calendar's just one page  
And, of course, I am excited  
Tonight's the night, but I've set my mind  
Not to do too much about it.

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Hardly dashing through the snow  
Cause I bundled up too tight  
Last minute have-to-do's  
A few cards a few calls  
'Cause it's r-s-v-p  
No thanks, no party lights  
It's Christmas Eve, gonna relax  
Turned down all of my invites.

Last fall I had a night to myself,  
Same guy called, halloween party,  
Waited all night for him to show,  
This time his car wouldn't go,

Forget it, it's cold, it's getting late,  
Trudge on home to celebrate  
In a quiet way, unwind  
Doing Christmas right this time.

A&P has provided me  
with the world's smallest turkey  
already in the oven, nice and hot  
Oh my! Guess what I forgot?

So on with the boots, back out in the snow  
To the only all-night grocery,  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
In the line is that guy I've been chasing all year!

"I'm spending this one alone," he said.  
"Need a break; this year's been crazy."  
I said, "Me too, but why are you?  
You mean you forgot cranberries too?"

Then suddenly we laughed and laughed  
Caught on to what was happening  
That Christmas magic's brought this tale  
To a very happy ending! "

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