

CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

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There used to be a Christmas tree in the center of the square
And it was strung with Christmas lights and laced with angel hair
All the windows of the shops were decorated bright
Shoppers rushing everywhere for a gift so right

Little kids are making snowmen in their neighbor's yards
Christmas carolers singing "In A Manger He Was Born"
Lovers strolling hand-in-hand on streets of winter snow
That's the way it used to be Christmas long ago
I still love Christmas, I love it so
The way it used to be, so long ago
With Christmas plays and mistletoe
Caroling and big red bows
It's Christmas long ago

It used to be on Christmas Eve I'd listen from my bed
For the sound of sleigh bells and reindeer overhead
I always seemed to fall asleep no matter how I tried
But in my dreams old Santa came and took me for a ride

The next thing that I knew my mom and dad were at my door
Saying "Merry Christmas", it's the day you've waited for
A single star above our tree, I still can see it glow
That's the way it used to be Christmas long ago
And that's the way it used to be Christmas long ago