

Father Christmas

Words & Music:

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Notes from Tim Harris: "The *G thru *D sequences could probably be played as something more like: G Bm7 Em D G Bm7 Em D - but it's all in the bass..."

C G C G C G | G C D G C D G C D G C D

*G *D
When I was small, I believed in Santa Claus, 'though I knew it was my dad.
G D
And I would hang up my stocking at Christmas, open my presents and I'd be glad.
Em Bm Em B7
But the last time I played Father Christmas, I stood outside a department store.
G D
A gang of kids came over and mugged me. They knocked my reindeer to the floor and said...

CHORUS 1:

C G C G C G C D
"Father Christmas, give us some money. Don't mess around with those silly toys.
C G C G C G C D
We'll beat you up if you don't hand it over. We want your bread, so don't make us annoyed.
C D G C D G C D
Give all the toys to the little rich boys.

Don't give my brother a Steve Austin outfit, don't give my sister a cuddly toy.
We don't want a jigsaw or monopoly money; we only want the real McCoy.

CHORUS 2: *[new words:]*

Father Christmas, give us the money, we'll beat you up if you make us annoyed.
Father Christmas, give us some money, don't mess around with those silly toys.

But give my daddy a job 'cause he needs one; he's got lots of mouths to feed.
And, if you've got one, I'll have a machine gun.
So, I can scare all the kids on the street.

C G | C G

CHORUS 3: *[new words:]*

Father Christmas, give us some money, we've got no time for your silly toys
We'll beat you up if you don't hand it over. We want your bread so don't make us annoyed.
Give all the toys to the little rich boys."

G C D | G C D

G D
Have yourself a Merry, Merry Christmas; have yourself a good time.
G D
But remember the kids who got nothing while you're drinking down your wine.

CHORUS 3: *[2x - no "Give all your toys..." line the first time]*

G C D | C G D *[repeat and out]*