

"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 have 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

A few cards, a few calls

'Cause it's RSVP

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, damn, 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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