

## The Other Side of Christmas

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Music: Dave Foster

C Em F C

On a bright Christ - mas Eve long a - go when there seemed to be hope

F C Am D7 G7 F

warmed by the smile of a friend I was sure I could cope but it seems that to

G7 C E7 Am F C

night just like ev - ery night of the year Warm heart - ed smiles are for

D7 G7 F G7

Chorus:

those who've no - thing to fear There's a pro - mise of some warmth in this

C E Am F C D7

cold and drear - y town In the bright - ly col - oured glow of Christ - mas lights

G7 C G7 C F C

The snow lies thick and soft like a co - zy bed of down But

Am Em Dm G7

hard is the kerb that's my pil - low to

On a bright Christmas Eve  
Long ago when there seemed to be hope  
Warmed by the smile of a friend  
I was sure that I could cope  
But it seems that tonight  
Just like every night of the year  
Warm hearted smiles  
Are for those who have nothing to fear

There's a promise of some warmth  
In this cold and dreary town  
In the brightly coloured glow  
Of Christmas lights.  
The snow lies thick and soft  
Like a cosy bed of down  
But hard is the curb  
That's my pillow tonight.

The love for a child  
Once cause for simple joy.  
Is lost in the hurrying mother  
Scolding her little boy.  
But here in the doorway  
I hide from scurrying feet  
Avoiding the fear and guilt  
In the eyes that I meet.

In the shadows, the glitter  
Of Christmas soon fades away.  
In my sack are my gifts  
Of old bottles collected today.  
Soon I'll trade them for some coins  
Which I'll trade for a bottle of wine  
And I'll shuffle on through Christmas  
Searching for my lost peace of mind.

*After final chorus*

Hard is the curb  
That's my pillow tonight.  
This is the other side of Christmas.