

It Doesn't Have to Be That Way

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Snowy nights and Christmas lights
Icy windowpanes
Make me wish that we could be
Together again And the windy winter avenues
Just don't seem the same
And the Christmas carols sound like blues
But the choir is not to blame But it doesn't have to be that way
What we had should never have ended
And I'll be dropping by today
'Cause we could easily get it together tonight
It's only right Crowded stores, the corner Santa Claus
Tinsel'd afternoons
And the sidewalk bands play their songs
Slightly out of tune Down the windy winter avenues
There walks a lonely man
And if I told you who he is
Well, I think you'd understand But it doesn't have to be that way
What we had should never have ended
And I'll be dropping by today
'Cause we could easily get it together tonight
It's only right No, it doesn't have to be that way
What we had should never have ended
And I'll be dropping by today
'Cause we could easily get it together tonight
It's only right

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