

# Christmas Comes But Once A Year

## The Barra MacNeils

[Verse 1]

On the road the frost is glistening  
People stream from midnight mass  
Friendly candles glow in windows  
Strangers greet you as you pass  
Home then, to the laden table!  
Ham and goose and pints of beer  
Whiskey handed around in tumblers  
Christmas comes but once a year!

[Verse 2]

Puddings made with eggs and treacle  
Seeded raisins an' brown suet  
Sifted breadcrumbs and mixed spices  
Braised with wine and plenty fruit  
Cinnamon, ginger, clove and nutmeg!  
Porter, brandy and old ale!  
Don't forget the wine and whisky!  
Christmas comes but once a year

[Verse 3]

Plenty fussing in the kitchen  
Lay the food on every plate  
Men, impatient in the hallway  
Gulping porter while they wait  
Who cares if there's no tomorrow?  
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