Christmas Dinner

Peter, Paul & Mary

And it came to pass on a Christmas evening

When all the doors were shuttered tight

Outside standing, a lonely boy child

Cold and shivering in the nightOn the street every window

Save but one was gleaming bright

And to this window walked the boy-child

Peeking in saw candlelightThrough other windows he had looked at turkeys

Ducks, and geese, and cherry pies

But through this window saw a gray-haired lady

Table bare and tears in her eyesInto his coat reached the boy child

Knowing well there was little there

He took from his pocket his own Christmas dinner

A bit of cheese and some bread to shareHis outstretched hands held the food and they trembled

As the door it opened wide

Said he, "Would you share with me Christmas dinner?"

Gently said she, "Come inside"The gray-haired lady brought forth to the table
Glasses two, last drops of wine
Said she, "Here's a toast to everyone's Christmas
And especially yours and mine"And it came to pass on that Christmas evening
When all the doors were shuttered tight
That in that town the happiest Christmas
Was shared by candlelight

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