

# It Doesn't Have To Be That Way

[Jim Croce](#)

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 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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