Christmas Long Ago

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G            C
There used to be a Christmas tree in the center of the square
D7                        G
And it was strung with Christmas lights and laced with angel hair
C
All the windows of the shops were decorated bright
D7                                G
Shoppers rushing everywhere for a gift so right

D7                        G
Little kids are making snowmen in their neighbor's yards
A7                          D7
Christmas carolers singing In A Manger He Was Born
G                           C
Lover's strolling hand in hand on streets of winter snow
D7                        G
That's the way it used to be Christmas long ago

I still love Christmas I love it so
A7                          D7
The way it used to be so long ago
C
With Christmas plays and mistletoe
G             E7
Caroling and big red bows
D7                        G
It's Christmas long ago

It used to be on Christmas Eve I'd listen from my bed
D7                        G
For the sound of sleigh bells and reindeer overhead
C
I always seemed to fall asleep no matter how I tried
D7                        G
But in my dreams old Santa came and took me for a ride

D7                        G
The next thing I knew my mom and dad were at my door
A7                          D7
Saying Merry Christmas it's the day you've waited for
G                           C
A single star above our tree I can still see it glow
D7                        G
That's the way it used to be Christmas long ago

D7                        G
And that's the way it used to be Christmas long ago