

Christmas Song
Jethro Tull

Capo I (mandolin background) *

C Am C G/C Am G C

C G D Am (mandolin)

Once in Royal David's City

C G D Am

stood a lonely cattle shed,

C G D Am

where a mother held her baby.

C G D Am
You'd do well to remember the things He later said.

C G D Am
When you're stuffing yourselves at the Christmas parties,
C G D Am
you'll just laugh when I tell you to take a running jump.

C G D Am
You're missing the point I'm sure does not need making
C G D Am
that Christmas spirit is not what you drink.

C G D Am
So how can you laugh when your own mother's hungry,
C G D Am
and how can you smile when the reasons for smiling are wrong?
C G D Am
And if I just messed up your thoughtless pleasures,
C G D Am
remember, if you wish, this is just a Christmas song.

Hey, Santa, pass us that bottle over there, will you?

* Alternate:

Capo III

C = Bb

G = F

D = C

Am = Gm