**"In Praise of Christmas"** (capo 2)

Am Em F C

All hail to the days that gather more praise

Dm E

Than all the rest of the year

Am Em F C

And welcome the nights that double delights

Dm E

As well for the poor as the peer!

C Dm

Good fortune attend each merry one's friend

Am G Am

That do all the best that they may

C Dm

Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs

Am G Am G Am

To drive the cold winter away.

Am Em F C

It’s bad for a mind to anger inclined

Dm E

To think of small injuries now

Am Em F C

If violence seeks, don’t lend it your cheeks

Dm E

Or let it inhabit your brow

C Dm

Cross out of books, malevolent looks

Am G Am

For beauty and youth they decay

C Dm

And wholly employ both laughter and joy

Am G Am G Am

To drive the cold winter away.

Am Em F C

This time of the year is spent in good cheer

Dm E

And neighbours together do meet

Am Em F C

To sit by the fire, with friendly desire

Dm E

Each other in love to greet

C Dm

Old grudges forgot are put in the pot

Am G Am

All sorrows aside they lay

C Dm

The old and the young do carol this song

Am G Am G Am

To drive the cold winter away.

Am Em F C

When Candlemas-tide comes in like a bride,

Dm E

The ewes are soon ready to part,

Am Em F C

And small birds do sing, to welcome the spring,

Dm E

Though winter may yet grip our heart,

C Dm

Still snowdrops abound upon the hard ground,

Am G Am

And Brigid draws near us to say,

C Dm

“Though winds may be chill, be sure that spring will

Am G Am

Soon drive the cold winter away.”