



This Christmas, the Spirit is Rum

I'd like to say something new about Christmas
but it's all been said before

I wanted to be confident and decisive about it
but now I'm not sure

I'm not sure if I want to put out the Christmas tree
the dinner

hang the lights, drop the tinsel, stuff the turkey
And carol singers —

there are packs of ferocious carol singers
out on the hunt

I don't want anything this Christmas
I don't want

I hope you've had as good a year as mine
and next is one to match it

Ah, Christmas. Time to bring the family round
and bury the hatchet.

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