

# Christmas Dinner

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*Em* *D* *C* *G*  
And it .. came to pass on a Christmas evening  
*Am7* *G* *A* *B*  
While all the doors were shuttered tight  
*Em* *D* *C* *G*  
Outside standing, lonely boy-child  
*Am7* *G* *B* *B* *Em* *Em* *Em* *Em*  
Cold and shivering in the night

On the street every window  
Save but one, was gleaming bright  
And to this window walked the boychild  
Peeking in saw, candlelight

Through other windows he had looked at turkeys  
Ducks and geese, cherry pies  
But through this window saw a grey-haired lady  
Table bare and tears in her eyes

Into his coat reached the boy-child  
Knowing well there was little there  
He took from his pocket, his own Christmas dinner  
A bit of cheese, some bread ... to share

His outstretched hands held the food and they trembled  
As the door, it opened wide  
Said he, " Would you share with me Christmas dinner"  
Gently said she, " Come inside."

The grey-haired lady brought forth to the table  
Glasses two and her last drop of wine  
Said she, " Here's a toast to everyone's Christmas  
and especially, yours and mine"

And it came to pass on that Christmas evening  
While all the doors were shuttered tight  
That in that town, the happiest Christmas  
Was shared by candle light