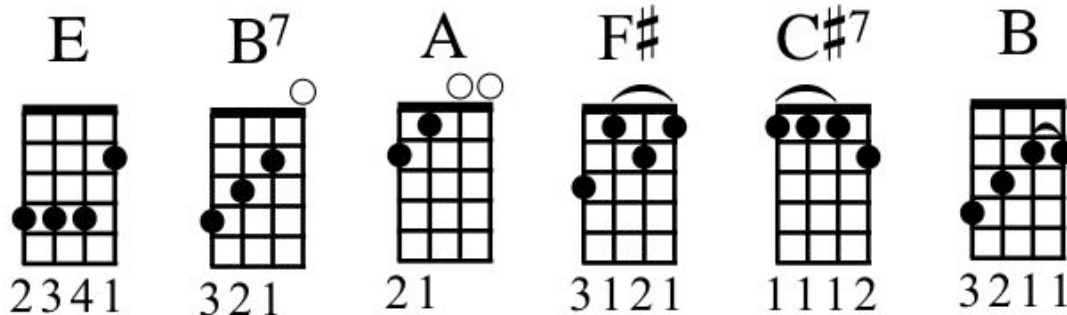


Suddenly It's Christmas



Loudon Wainwright III



VERSE 1

E B7 E A
Suddenly it's Christmas, right after Hallowe'en
E B7
Forget about Thanksgiving, it's just a buffet in between
E B7 E A
There's lights and tinsel in the windows, they're stocking up the shelves
E B7 E (Jingle Bells Lick)
Santa's slaving at the North Pole, in his sweatshop full of elves

VERSE 2

E B7 E A
There's got to be a build-up, to the day that Christ was born
E B7
The halls are decked with pumpkins, and the ears of Indian corn
E B7 E A
Dragging through the falling leaves, in a one-horse open sleigh
E B7 E
Suddenly it's Christmas, seven weeks before the day

VERSE 3

A
Suddenly it's Christmas, the longest holiday
E B7
The season is upon us, it won't go away
E B7 E A
It's a season, it's a marathon, retail eternity
E B7 E F# (Joy to the World Lick)
It's not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree

VERSE 4

F# C#7 F# B
Outside it's positively balmy, in the air nary a nip
F# C#7
Suddenly it's Christmas, unbuttoned and unzipped
F# C#7 F# B
Yes, they're working overtime, Santa's little runts
F# C#7 F#
Christmas comes but once a year, and goes on for two months

VERSE 5

F# C#7 F# B
Christmas carols in December, and November too
F# C#7
It's no wonder we're depressed, when the whole thing is through
F# C#7 F# B
Finally it's January, let's sing Auld Lang Syne
F# C#7 F#
But here comes another heartache, shaped like a Valentine

VERSE 6

B
Suddenly it's Christmas, the longest holiday
F# C#7
The season is upon us, a pox, it won't go away
F# C#7 F# B
It's a season, it's a marathon, retail eternity
F# C#7 F#
It's not over till it's over, and you throw away the...

OUTRO

F# C#7 F#
No, it's not over till it's over, and you throw away the...
F# C#7 F#
It's still not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree

JINGLE BELLS LICK

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JOY TO THE WORLD LICK

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