**Be Careful, Don't Tear The Paper**

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**(A series of exhortations concerning thrift)**

**Words by Jean Sramek, 2003; Outro by T. Miller; Music: “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”**

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| **Intro**  C F D7 G7 C  *(We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year)*  G7 C F D7 G7  Be careful, don't tear the paper, be careful taking the tape off  C F D7 G7 **C**  Be careful to save the ribbon, we can use them next year.  C **G** D7 G  See this gift bag, it’s not déjà vu.  C F D7 G7 **C**  You put my present in it, for my birthday last June  G7 C F D7 G7  It’s wrinkled but we can iron it, it’s folded but we can use it  C F D7 G7 **C**  It’s almost completely shredded, but it’s perfectly good  C **G** D7 G  Don’t throw it a-way, how wasteful of you  C F D7 G7 **C**  I’ve used this same paper since Ninteen Sixty Two.  G7 C F D7 G7  Just cross out the Happy Birthday, just cross out the Thinking of You  C F D7 G7  **C**  Just cross out On Your Re-tirement, and write Christ-mas in.  **Outro**  G7 C F D7 G7  We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a Happy Hanukkah,  C F D7 G7 C  We wish you a Joyful Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year! | | | | | | | |  |
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