

# Suddenly It's Christmas

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Intro: G7 C G C D G D7 / G  
It's still not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree!

G/ G/ C  
Suddenly it's Christmas right after Hallo-we'en  
G D  
Forget about Thanks-giving; It's just a buffet in between  
D G C  
There's lights and tinsel in the windows, they're stocking up the shelves  
G C D G  
Santa's slaving at the North Pole in his sweatshop full of elves

G C  
There's got to be a build-up to the day that Christ was born  
G D  
The halls are decked with pumpkins and ears of Indian corn  
G C  
Dragging through the falling leaves in a one-horse open sleigh  
G C D G G7  
Suddenly it's Christmas, seven weeks be-fore the day

C / / / / / / /  
Suddenly it's Christmas- the longest holiday  
G D  
When they say "Season's Greetings," they mean just what they say  
G C  
It's a season, it's a marathon, retail eternity  
G C D G  
And it's not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree

G C  
Outside it's positively balmy, in the air, nary a nip;  
G D  
Suddenly it's Christmas, unbuttoned and un-zipped  
G C  
Yes, they're working overtime, Santa's little runts;  
C G C D G  
Christmas comes but once a year and goes on for two months

G C  
Christmas carols in December, and November, too;  
G D  
It's no wonder we're depressed when the whole thing is through  
G C  
Finally it's January, let's sing "Auld Lang Syne"  
G C D G G7  
But here comes another heartache, shaped like a Valen-tine

C / / / / / / / G D  
Suddenly it's Christmas- the longest holiday -, the season is upon us: a pox, it won't go away  
G C G C D G  
It's a season, it's a marathon, retail eterni-ty, and it's not over till it's over and you throw away the tree  
G7 C G C D G  
No, it's not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree;  
G7 C G C D G D7 // G /  
It's still not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ew6rVcL3Up8>