

The Loneliest Lonely

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I wrote this song in 1989 while overseas as the Holiday Season was approaching. I was in a Damascus, Syria hospital stricken with hepatitis on what I was told might be my deathbed.

I am sure the hospital staff remembers the crazy American that was always humming with pen and paper in hand.

It has won too many awards to mention here but a first place in lyrics at the Austin Songwriter's Group 2004 song contest won me the free demo that you hear here.

I would like to dedicate it to our brave men and women stationed overseas defending our freedom.



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Bustling sidewalks, the reason is clear
holiday shoppers, the season is here
arms full of packages, hearts full of cheer
as the snow starts to fall through the air

Here I am dreaming, an ocean apart
warm cards and letters tear into my heart
wond'ring how Santa could let Christmas start
without first making sure I was there

CHORUS:

Oh the loneliest lonely is being away
at the time of year only Saint Nicholas should stray
and I feel just as far as the Bethlehem star
when I'm not there to share Christmas day

A stocking for certain, with my name attached
missing some candy, a child yet to catch
look for the crook with the chocolate mustache
and you'll find you an angel instead

Family members arrive from the cold
warm-hearted greetings, a sight to behold
peeling off layers, the fire's burning bold'
I can picture it all in my head

Repeat Chorus

(Additional Verses)

Caroling children, engaged in a song
Everyone gathers to all sing along
Sooner than later, our appetites strong
Let the Holiday dinner bell ring

Warm buttered muffins with cranberry jam
Overstuffed turkeys, a honey-cured ham
Salads and legumes and sweet candied yams
It's a Christmas feast fit for a king

Repeat Chorus

Then by the tree, once that dinner is done
opening presents, the magic's begun
four generations behaving as one
as the spirit of Christmas prevails

Repeat Chorus

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