

Fairytale of New York

Music & Lyrics:

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A
a
It was Christmas (D) Eve, babe
In the (G) drunk tank
An old man (D) said to me,
"Won't see an(A)other one"
And then he (D) sang a song
The "Rare Old (G) Mountain Dew"
I turned my (D) face away
And dreamed (Asus4) about (D) you (A)

A
Got on a (D) lucky one
Came in at (G) ten to one
I've got a (D) feeling
This year's for (A) me and you
So Happy (D) Christmas
I love you, (G) baby
I can see a (D) better time
When all our (Asus4) dreams come (D) true

B
They've got (D) cars big as (A) bars
They've got (bm) rivers of (G) gold
But the (D) wind goes right through you
It's no place for the (A) old
When you (D) first took my (bm) hand
On a (D) cold Christmas (G) Eve
You (D) promised me
Broadway was (A) waiting for (D) me

B
You were (D) handsome – You were pretty
Queen of New York (A) City
When the (D) band finished (G) playing
They (A) howled out for (D) more
(D) Sinatra was swinging
All the drunks they were (A) singing
We (D) kissed on a (G) corner
Then (A) danced through the (D) night



Refrain

The (G) boys of the NYPD choir
Were (D) singing "Galway (bm) Bay"
And the (D) bells were (G) ringing (A) out
For Christmas (D) day

B You're a (D) bum –You're a punk
You're an old slut on (A) junk
Lying (D) there almost (G) dead
On a (A) drip in that (D) bed
You (D) scumbag, you maggot
You cheap lousy (A) faggot
Happy (D) Christmas, you (G) arse
I pray (A) God it's our (D) last

Refrain

The (G) boys of the NYPD choir
Still (D) singing "Galway (bm) Bay"
And the (D) bells were (G) ringing (A) out
For Christmas (D) day

| D | G | G | D | D | A | A |

A I (A) could have (D) been someone
Well so could (G) anyone
You took my (D) dreams from me
When I first (A) found you
I kept them (D) with me, babe
I put them (G) with my own
Can't make it (D) all alone
I've built my (G) dreams a(A)round (D) you

Refrain

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