

Full Score
SA version

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The Christmas Card

Verse 1

I found a box of Christmas Cards
I've kept for many years
and as I read each one I found
my eyes were full of tears
for each card was signed
"with all our love and wishing you were here"
and I smiled to think of memories we shared together

Chorus

What do you remember when you think about December
Is there laughter or perhaps there may be tears?
The days of summer and the Christmas spirit
Drawing loved ones near
Oh how I treasure every Christmas card you've sent
over the years.

Verse 2

Your news was always full of hope
Though life was sometimes hard
You found a way to keep me close
With every Christmas card
For the stories in those pages
spoke of places I had known
and of people who could always make me
feel like I'm at home

Chorus

What do you remember when you think about December
Is there laughter or perhaps there may be tears?
The days of summer and the Christmas spirit
Drawing loved ones near
Oh how I treasure every Christmas card you've sent
over the years

What do you remember when you think about December
Is there laughter or perhaps there may be tears?
The days of summer and the Christmas spirit
Drawing loved ones near
This year I'm sending you a Christmas card
and wishing you were here, with all my love.

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The Christmas Card

for Voice and Piano

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Allegro Moderato ♩ = 90

Piano

mf sempre legato

mf pedal ad lib

Pno.

4 *Bb* *C7* *F* *F/C* *Bb/F*

Verse 1

S.

A.

Pno.

mf

I found a box of Christ-mas cards_

F *F/C* *Bb* *Bbmaj7* *Bb* *F*

10

S. *mf*
I've kept for ma - ny years

A
I've kept for ma - ny years and

Pno.
F(omit5) Bb

13

S.
as I read my eyes were full of tears

A
as I read each one I found my eyes were full of tears

Pno.
F Bb

16

S.
for each card was signed "with all our love and wish-ing you were here" and I

A
all our love

Pno.
Bb Am D(sus4) D7/A

19

S. smile to think of me-mo-ries we shared to - ge - ther.

A. all we shared to - ge - ther.

Pno. Gm Gm/D Bb⁶/C

22 Chorus 1

S. What do you re - mem - ber when you think a - bout De - cem - ber, is there

A. what do you re - mem - ber

Pno. Am Bb(add9) C⁶

24

S. laugh-ter or per-haps there may be tears? The days of sum-mer and the

A. laugh - ter or tears? The days of sum-mer and the

Pno. Am Bb Am

27

S. Christ - mas spi - rit draw - ing loved ones near.

A. Christ - mas spi - rit draw - ing loved ones near.

Pno. $B\flat(\text{add}9)$ $Dm7/C$ $F(\text{sus}4)$ $F(\text{sus}2)$ $C^9(\text{omit}3)$

30

S. *f* What do you re-mem-ber when you think a-bout De-cem - ber? *mf* Oh how I

A. *f* Ah De - cem - ber? *mf* Oh how I

Pno. *f* Am Am/C $B\flat(\text{add}9)$ $B\flat/C$ $B\flat m^6$

33

S. trea-sure ev'-ry Christ-mas card you've sent o - ver the years

A. trea-sure ev'-ry Christ-mas card you've sent o - ver the years

Pno. *mf* F Dm $B\flat$ $C(\text{sus}4)$ C F

Verse 2

mf

36

S. Your news was a-lways full of hope_

A.

Pno. F F/C Bb Bb(add9)/C F

39

S. — though life was some-times hard sweetly you

A. Full of hope, e - ven

Pno. F(omit5) Bb

42

S. found a way to keep me close_ with ev' - ry Christ-mas card_ *mf*

A. then with ev' - ry

Pno. F Bb

45 *mf*

S. — for the sto-ries in those pa-ges spoke of pla-ces I had known and of

A. Christ - mas card the sto - ries of pla-ces I had known and the

Pno. *mp*

Am D(sus4) D7/A

48

S. peo-ple who could al-ways make me feel like I'm at home.

A. *mp* sto - ries make me feel like I'm at home.

Pno. *mp*

Gm C7 Bb6/C Bb

51 **A** *mf* Chorus 2

S. Tell me. What do you re-mem-ber when you think a-bout De-cem-ber, is there

A. *mf* Tell me. What do you re - mem - ber

Pno. *mf* **A** *f* Am Bb(add9) Bbmaj7

54

S. laugh-ter or per-haps there may be tears? The days of sum-mer and the

A. laugh - ter or tears? The days of sum-mer and the

Pno. Am Bb C7 Am

57

S. Christ - mas spi - rit draw - ing loved ones near. Oh

A. Christ - mas spi - rit draw - ing loved ones near.

Pno. Bb(add9) Dm7/C F(sus4) F(sus2) Bb6/C

Final Chorus

60

S. *f* what do you re - mem - ber when you think a - bout De - cem - ber, is there

A. What do you re - mem - - - ber

Pno. *f* Am Bb(add9) Bbmaj7

62 *mf*

S. laugh-ter or per-haps there may be tears? the days of sum-mer and the

A. laugh - ter or tears? The days of sum-mer and the

Pno. *mf*

Am Bb C7 Am

65 *poco rit.*

S. Christ - mas spi - rit draw - ing loved ones near

A. Christ - mas spi - rit draw - ing loved ones near.

Pno. *poco rit.*

Bb(add9) Dm7/C C9 F(sus4) F(sus2) Bb6

68 *mp* **a tempo**

S. oh oh how I trea-sure ev' - ry Christ-mas card you've sent o - ver the

A. oh oh how I trea-sure ev' - ry Christ-mas card you've sent o - ver the

Pno. *mp* **a tempo**

Bbm F Dm Bb C(sus4) C

71 **Meno mosso** *mf*

S. years this year I'm send-ing you a Christ-mas card and

A. years, the ma - ny years this year I'm send-ing you a Christ-mas card and

Pno. **Meno mosso**
 Dm Bbm F Dm

74 **a tempo meno mosso** ♩ = 88

S. wish - ing you were here. With

A. wish - ing you were here. With

Pno. **a tempo meno mosso** ♩ = 88
 Bb Bbm⁶ F *mf*

77 **opt.** *mp cresc.* stagger breathing from here

S. all my love all stagger breathing from here

A. all my love all stagger breathing from here

Pno. **opt.** *mp cresc.*
 Bb/F F Bb/F

molto rit.

80

S. *mf* my love.

A. *mf* my love.

Pno. *mf* Bbm⁶ F