

Nat King Cole – “The Christmas Song”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwacxSnc4tI>)

Nathaniel Adams Coles (March 17, 1919 – February 15, 1965), known professionally as **Nat King Cole**, was an American singer and jazz pianist. He recorded over 100 songs that became hits on the pop charts. His trio was the model for small jazz ensembles that followed. Cole also acted in films and on television and performed on Broadway. He was the first African-American man to host an American television series. He was the father of singer-songwriter Natalie Cole (1950–2015). (Wikipedia).

"The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to You)" is a classic Christmas song written by Mel Tormé and Bob Wells in 1944 and was first recorded by The King Cole Trio in 1946. The song was recorded again in stereophonic version with a full orchestra conducted by Ralph Carmichael using the same arrangement for Nat King Cole's The Christmas Song album in 1961. (Youtube)

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire Jack Frost nipping at your nose Yuletide carols being sung by a choir And folks dressed up like Eskimos	Châtaignes grillées sur un feu ouvert “Jacques-le-gel” vous mordille le nez Chants de Noël chantés par une chorale Et les gens habillés comme des esquimaux
Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe Help to make the season bright Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow Will find it hard to sleep tonight	Tout le monde sait qu'une dinde et du gui Aident à rendre la saison lumineuse Les tout-petits avec leurs yeux tout brillants Auraient du mal à dormir cette nuit.
They know that Santa's on his way He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh And every mother's child is gonna spy To see if reindeer really know how to fly	Ils savent que le Père Noël est en route Il a chargé beaucoup de jouets et de friandises sur son traîneau Et l'enfant de chaque mère espionnera Pour voir si les rennes savent vraiment voler
And so I'm offering this simple phrase To kids from one to ninety-two Although it's been said many times, many ways Merry Christmas to you	Et donc j'offre cette phrase simple Aux enfants de un à quatre-vingt-douze ans Bien que cela ait été dit à plusieurs reprises, de nombreuses façons Joyeux Noël à toi
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