

ONE CELTIC CHRISTMAS – THE CELTIC KITCHEN PARTY (CKP)

1. JINGLE BELLS

Get ready to embark on a sleigh ride of pure, unbridled joy with our take on the timeless classic, “Jingle Bells”. Find yourself transported to a winter wonderland, where laughter and merriment fill the crisp, frosty air.

This beloved holiday tune, penned by James Lord Pierpont in 1857, captures the very essence of a carefree, exhilarating winter adventure. The lyrics paint a picture of friends dashing through the snow, their spirits high, and their hearts aglow with the infectious spirit of the season. With its catchy melody and cheerful lyrics, it's an anthem for holiday gatherings, sleigh rides, and snowy escapades. It's a tune that transcends time, uniting generations in the pure delight of the holiday season.

Let the infectious energy of **The Celtic Kitchen Party's** “Jingle Bells” (in the minor key) capture your heart and make you yearn for the magic of a white Christmas.

2. THE CHRISTIANS AND THE PAGANS

Prepare to be swept away by “The Christians and the Pagans”, a soul-stirring and heartwarming song that weaves a tapestry of understanding, acceptance, and unity during the holiday season. This modern folk classic, written by Dar Williams, is a lyrical journey that resonates with the timeless theme of coming together, no matter our differences.

The Celtic Kitchen Party stays pretty true to Dar Williams’ masterful story of a diverse family gathering for the holiday season. It's a narrative of love, acceptance, and the power of embracing one another's beliefs and traditions, no matter how varied they may be. It's a powerful reminder of the beauty in celebrating diversity, fostering understanding, and finding common ground during the holidays.

So, if you're looking for a song that captures the true spirit of the holiday season, look no further than “The Christians and the Pagans”.

3. AT LAST I'M READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Stan Rogers was a Canadian folk musician and songwriter known for his powerful and emotive songs, often inspired by Canadian history, culture, and the people he encountered in his travels. Perhaps best known for his ability to tell vivid stories through his music, he was a masterful songwriter, and his songs often celebrated the working-class people.

The Celtic Kitchen Party celebrates this humorous take on the rush leading up to Christmas morning and the nostalgia of the Christmas season... “these kids they’ll only be this young once and they’ll never be so again”.

Stan Rogers' legacy lives on through his songs, which continue to be celebrated and performed by contemporary folk artists, and his impact on Canadian culture and the folk music scene is still felt today.

4. CHRISTMAS DOWN IN KINGSTOWN

Get ready to be transported to a magical winter wonderland with **The Celtic Kitchen Party's** version of “Christmas in Killarney” made famous by The Irish Rovers. A classic holiday song that exudes the charm and enchantment of the season. Note our clever little nod to our hometown Kingston Ontario Canada.

This timeless tune, originally written by John Redmond, James Cavanaugh, and Frank Weldon, captures the spirit of a traditional Irish Christmas. The lively melody, coupled with its heartwarming lyrics, invites you to join in the festivities and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit.

This song is more than just a melody; it's an embodiment of the warmth and unity that defines the holiday season. Where the sounds of carolers and the scent of holiday feasts fill the air. It's an irresistible invitation to experience the joy of the season, toasting with loved ones, and dancing to the tune of a traditional Irish celebration.

Christmas is alive and thriving, beckoning you to join in the revelry and create cherished memories of your own!

5. DRUNKEN SANTA

If you're ready to embrace the unconventional and bring some humor into your holiday celebrations, "Drunken Santa" is the song to jingle your bells and have a good time. Join **The Celtic Kitchen Party** as they dive into a quirky, unexpected, and downright merry musical adventure. This song is a spirited and irreverent twist on the traditional image of the jolly old man in the red suit.

A playful and rollicking anthem that shatters the usual stereotypes of holiday songs. Revel in Santa's after-hours escapades, of one too many eggnogs, spreading holiday cheer with a hearty laugh and a bit of a wobble. This song isn't just about laughter; it's an invitation to let loose and embrace the light-hearted, fun side of the holiday season. "Drunken Santa" is the perfect soundtrack for a festive, lighthearted gathering with friends and family, making it a must-have on your holiday playlist.

Based upon the high-energy and rollicking nautical adventure "Drunken Sailor", a sea shanty that's been captivating audiences for generations.

6. HUGE ON THE LUGE

Prepare to burst into laughter with "Huge on the Luge" originally released by Moxy Fruvous (penned by Mike Ford), a comical gem that will leave you grinning from ear to ear. From the first note, you'll be drawn into a world of witty humor and hilarious storytelling.

"Huge on the Luge" is a clever and lighthearted song that takes you on a whimsical journey down a luge track like no other. With tongue-in-cheek lyrics and playful melodies, it invites you to join in the absurdity of the narrative. Picture a larger-than-life luge racer, barreling down the ice, capturing hearts and breaking records - all while keeping a straight face.

This song isn't just about entertainment; it's a delightful reminder of the joy in not taking life too seriously. "Huge on the Luge" is the perfect soundtrack for those who appreciate clever humor and the art of storytelling through music.

7. LITTLE PIPER BOY

Step into a timeless Christmas moment with **The Celtic Kitchen Party's** version of "The Little Drummer Boy". A heartwarming song that transports you to the humble setting of a manger in Bethlehem, but with a twist that only reside bagpiper Colin Skinner can provide.

This enchanting song, introduces us to a young poor boy, who carries a simple gift for the newborn King. With each note of his bagpipes, you can sense the reverence and devotion in his heart, as he offers his humble talents to the precious child in the manger - connecting you to the essence of Christmas – the spirit of giving, love, and the joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Join us for this captivating journey into the essence of the holiday season, a reminder of the beauty in simplicity, and a testament to the enduring power of a heartfelt gift. Let this song draw you into the magic of Christmas, reminding us all of the power of love, faith, and the most meaningful gift of all – the gift of the heart.

8. HURON CAROL

The Celtic Kitchen Party invites you to step into a serene and enchanting world with the “Huron Carol” a timeless gem of Canadian holiday tradition. Be transported to a tranquil winter landscape, where the snow blankets the earth and a sense of peace fills the air.

The “Huron Carol” is a remarkable piece of Canadian cultural heritage, originally composed by Jean de Brébeuf, a Jesuit missionary, in the 17th century. It tells the story of the Nativity in the context of the indigenous Huron people, blending European melodies with indigenous elements, making it a uniquely beautiful and culturally rich song.

Whether you're drawn to its historical significance, the harmonious blend of cultures, or simply its ethereal beauty, “Huron Carol” is a must-listen for those seeking a deeper connection to the spirit of the season. So, wrap yourself in its timeless embrace, and allow the “Huron Carol” to kindle the warmth and serenity of the holiday in your heart - reminding us of the universal message of hope, love, and peace that the holiday season represents.

9. (NOT SO) SILENT NIGHT

Get ready to experience the power and intensity of a classic transformed with a bold twist by **The Celtic Kitchen Party** in “(Not So) Silent Night”. This rendition takes the gentle, tranquil “Silent Night” we all know and cranks up the volume, infusing it with an electrifying energy that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

This louder version takes on a new life that demands your attention. It's a musical journey that transforms the serene and peaceful atmosphere of the original into a grand and epic sonic adventure. Not just about making noise; it's an invitation to experience the familiar in a completely new way. It is the perfect soundtrack for those seeking a fresh and exciting take on a beloved classic, something that will electrify your senses and infuse your holiday spirit with a rock 'n' roll edge.

So, if you're looking to amplify your holiday experience and reimagine tradition in a powerful way, this way louder version, will turn your silent night into a thunderous symphony of emotions and excitement. Prepare to be awed and inspired by this electrifying rendition of a timeless favorite.

10. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Step into the heartwarming glow of the holiday season with “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” a timeless song that wraps you in the spirit of merriment and goodwill. As the first notes of this cherished

classic fill the air, you're transported to a scene of festive gatherings, twinkling lights, and the aroma of freshly baked treats.

You can practically feel the warmth of a crackling fireplace and the camaraderie of friends and family coming together to sing in harmony. With its cheerful wish for figgy pudding and a merry Christmas, it's an anthem for spreading happiness and cheer. The spirited melody and spirited lyrics make it a staple in any holiday playlist, and an essential part of the season's magic.

So, let **The Celtic Kitchen Party** sing you this merry tune and sweep you into the heart of the holidays. Whether you're caroling door-to-door or simply humming along, it's a reminder of the joy that comes from sharing love and good wishes during this most wonderful time of the year.