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1 - Astrocolor - Do You Hear What I Hear? (feat, Antonia Freybe-Smith)

This Victoria combo put out a truly inspired experimental Christmas record last year called "Lit Up". Perfect for the hipster on your list.

2 - Wild Billy Childish - Comanche (Link Wray's Christmas)

"Christmas 1979" is the best garage-punk Christmas album ever. Believe it.

3 - Holly Beth Vincent - Punk Xmas

Holly and her Italians haven't been up to much lately but this tasty nugget came out of nowhere in 2014.

4 - The Prissteens - Christmas Is A Time For Giving

The late '90's female pop-punk combo that no one remembers. Produced by Richard Gottehrer.

5 - The Connection - I Feel Fine (It's Christmas Time)

"New England's Newest Hit Makers" have made a few Xmas singles in recent years but put out a whole album in 2016. Here's one co-written with The Dictators' Andy Shernoff.

6 - The Hold Steady - Christmas Is The Time To Say I Love You

Everyone's favourite Brooklyn-via-MPLS band released this on Christmas Eve last year. It's a Billy Squier cover. It's Christmas time - don't hold it against them.

7 - The Yule Logs - Thought That Counts

Is there a band that only exists at Christmas time? Yes. It's these So Cal guys. We love 'em!

8 - Bobby Vee - A Not So Merry Christmas

This year is particularly not-so-merry for Bobby. He died. Along with everyone else worth a darn, it seems. Yes, 2016 blew. Bigly. Keep these folks in your heart for awhile.

- 9 Prince & The Revolution Another Lonely Christmas
- 10 Sharon Jones & The DAP-Kings Just Another Christmas Song
- 11 Leon Russell Xmas In Chicago
- 12 Henri Herbert Xmas ID

Henri played this year's Interstellar Rodeo. If you have 2013's Reid Family Xmas Spectacular handy, check out The Jim Jones Revue's "White Christmas". Henri plays the groovy boogie-woogie piano on it.

13 - Mandy Barnett - This Time Of The Year

From 2010's "Winter Wonderland". Mandy's not dead. She just fits nicely here.

- 14 Merle Haggard Lonely Night
- 15 Rod Picott Dad's Drunk Again On Christmas

Rod's 2013 contibution to an East Nashville collective known as Decembersongs.

16 - Robert Plant & Alison Krauss - The Light Of Christmas Day

This leaked out last year on the soundtrack to the movie "Love The Coopers". We're glad it did.

17 - Hayseed Dixie - Misty Wonderland Hop

Bluegrass covers of metal songs just never gets old, does it? From 2009.

18 - Southern Culture On The Skids - Silver Bells

A tree with SCOTS' new album "The Electric Pinecones" under it would be a jolly tree indeed. This was a single they released digitally last year.

- 19 The Sweetback Sisters Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year "Country Christmas Singalong Spectacular" from '14 just might be the best country Xmas album ever.
- 20 Charlie Louvin Jesus Won't Come Down Your Chimney That's a relief.
- 21 Jaxon Haldane What If Snoop Dogg Was Santa Claus

In honour of the Winnipeg return of the D.Rangers' great front man, here's a little ditty he put up on Youtube back in 2014.

22 - Drive-By Truckers - I Believe In Father Christmas

This is as close to prog as we get this year. Greg Lake's classic rendered by Patterson Hood.

23 - Wreckless Eric - Christmas On The M62

Eric put on a great show at The Park Theatre this summer. You should gone.

- 24 Ben Caplan Xmas ID
- 25 Ben Caplan (feat. Katzenjammer & Trondheim Solistene) Fairytale of New York Hipster McBeardy was a hoot and a half at this year's Winnipeg Folk Festival. That's where we picked up this 7".
- 26 Sloan December 25

I wanted to buy an actual physical copy of this year's brand new Christmas single from Sloan. It's limited to 500 copies and comes on red vinyl with a set of four different Christmas cards, each designed by the bands' Andrew Scott. With exchange (you had to pay in U.S. funds) and postage, it was going to come to about \$45 CDN. Ha Ha Ha. Still, a pretty great song.

27 - Larry Campbell & Teresa Williams - Blue Christmas

This is for the many, many folks who came into the music tent at Folk Fest this year looking for something to buy from this couple. We couldn't order anything and they didn't bring anything in with them. Dissapointment reigned. Kinda like Christmas. We sincerely hope that yours doesn't suck this year and these tunes help a little bit.

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