

- BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN Christmas Greeting Ya, Bruce used to do this sort of thing. Circa 1974.
- BOB DYLAN The Night Before Christmas
   Chances of Santa being real were better than the chances of this existing. It's truly a magical season!
- 3) DALE MONTY & THE 2 BY 2s The Lil' Endless Summer Boy
- 4) THE SHALITAS I Wanna
- 5) THE SHALITAS Christmas Don't Be Late Marah's favourite playground soul outfit. From their vinyl Xmas EP of a couple years ago.
- 6) HOLLY GOLIGHTLY Christmas Tree On Fire
- 7) MARAH Valley Forge
  Their awesome '05 Xmas disc Christmas Kind of Town, would done anyone else proud for a lifetime but those kids from Philly have a brand-new vinyl-only seasonal EP out already. Find the podcast of last year's seasonal chat with Serge at www.twangtrust.ca. It'll make ya feel all warm and fuzzy.
- 8) THE SMITHEREENS Chistmas Time All Over The World 2007's coolest rockin' Christmas disc without a doubt is Christmas With The Smithereens.
- 9) SPIRALING Do You Hear What I Hear
- 10) FARRAH Christmas Is Cancelled (This Year)
  Power-pop from the UK.
- 11) THE BELLRAYS All I Want To Do Is Shag For Christmas We'll be annually plucking cuts from A BellRays Christmas until they're all gone. And no, it's a dance!
- 12) ROMI KAYE & CHRISTINA CONCH CHABALABA My Man From the same exclusive radio station disc that the Deadbolt track comes from.
- 13) ARETHA FRANKLIN Kissin' By The Mistletoe You'da thunk you'da heard this one more often than you have, huh?
- 14) THE CAMEOS Merry Christmas
  Some primo '50s doo-wop from the Cameo-Parkway label. Thanks to Neil Coligan. (And for track 3, too.)

- 15) JOHN HIATT CKUW Christmas Greeting
- 16) JOHN HIATT & LOS LOBOS Happy Xmas (War Is Over) Recorded at the 1992 Los Lobos Holiday House Party at the Capitol Records studios in Hollywood.
- 17) PAUL KELLY Silent Night From a 2006 Australian-only Christmas compilation.
- 18) MIKE PLUME Merry Xmas To My Ex-Miss
  A brand-new one from the home office in Nashville. When's that next StuDome gig??
- 19) DEADBOLT Post Office Christmas Party 91X. Where the heck is that? They put out a disc in '93 with this classic on it. Don't try this at home. Or work.
- 20) DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS Mrs. Claus' Kimono A freebie from the Truckers in '06. These guys will have an actual Xmas disc out eventually.
- 21) THE REPLACEMENTS Bundle Up

  A Tim-era outtake. Would later surface with different words as Jungle Rock on a British EP.
- 22) JASON RINGENBERG CKUW Christmas Greeting
- 23) JASON RINGENBERG w/ KRISTI ROSE Lovely Christmas
  Yep Roc wins Lable of The Year award. From their new Oh Santa compilation album.
- 24) GOOBER & THE PEAS Tell The Lord What Santa's Done
  There'll be vengence this Christmas, I tell you what! Jack White used to be in this band, believe it or not.
- **25)** BILLY BOB THORNTON & THE BOXMASTERS My Dreams Of Christmas A brand-new bummer Christmas classic from Billy Bob. I still like that first album. Screw you.
- **26)** NICK LOWE This Christmas
  Found this on a bootleg from 2004. Is it his song? I dunno. Is it heartbreakingly gorgeous? Yes it is.
- **27)** ROCKY FORTUNE Have a Merry Boxing Day
  Greatest Christmas song opening line EVER. Thanks to Jeff Robson for turning me on to this classic from Calgary's coolest band that's not alt.country, no not them, not at all.
- **28) THE DAMNWELLS Chrishmas Eve**A lovely way to end this year's collection. From Steel Belted Free Range Radio's house band.
  Just remember... the light at the end of the tunnel... is you. See ya' next year.

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