

# It Doesn't Have to Be That Way

Jim Croce

Snowy nights and Christmas lights  
Icy windowpanes  
Make me wish that we could be  
Together again

And the windy winter avenues  
Just don't seem the same  
And the Christmas carols sound like blues  
But the choir is not to blame

But it doesn't have to be that way  
What we had should never have ended  
And I'll be dropping by today  
'Cause we could easily get it together tonight  
It's only right

Crowded stores, the corner Santa Claus  
Tinsel afternoons  
And the sidewalk bands play their songs  
Slightly out of tune

Down the windy winter avenues  
There walks a lonely man  
And if I told you who he is  
Well, I think you'd understand

But it doesn't have to be that way  
What we had should never have ended  
And I'll be dropping by today  
'Cause we could easily get it together tonight  
It's only right

No, it doesn't have to be that way  
What we had should never have ended  
And I'll be dropping by today  
'Cause we could easily get it together tonight  
It's only right