

**Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town** - Bruce Springsteen // 1975 // key: C

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Intro: [Quiet glockenspiel Christmas feel]

| C | C | F/C | G/C | [Note: C♯ hits on the 2!!]

[Spoken intro over chords]

It's all cold down on the beach  
The wind's whipping down the boardwalk  
Hey Band! You guys know what time of year it is?  
What time, what? What?  
Christmastime!  
What? Oh, Christmastime!  
You guys, all, you guys all been good and practicing real hard? Yeah?  
Clarence, you been, you been rehearsing real hard now?  
So Santa'll bring you a new saxophone, right?  
Everyone out there been good or what?  
Aw, that's not many, not many, you guys are in trouble out here

Chorus: **C C F G C C F G**  
You better watch out you better not cry, you better not pout I'm telling you why  
**C C F G C C F G**  
Santa Claus is coming to town, Santa Claus is coming to town  
**C Am Dm G C C F G**  
Santa Claus is coming to town

Chorus: [Bass & drums enter, still pretty quiet]

**C C F G C C F G**  
He's making a list and checking it twice, he's gonna find out who's naughty or nice  
**C C F G C C F G**  
Santa Claus is coming to town, Santa Claus is coming to town  
**C Am Dm G C C C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>**  
Santa Claus is coming to town

**Gm C F F Gm C F F**  
1. He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake  
**D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>**  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
**G<sup>6\*</sup> N.C. N.C. N.C.**  
You better be good for goodness sake  
**N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C.**  
[Big man:] Better be good for goodness sake

Chorus: [Full band]

**C C F F**  
Oh you better watch out you better not cry  
**C C F F**  
You better not pout I'm telling you why  
**C♯ C F F**  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
**C♯ C F F**  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
**C Am Dm G C C G G**  
Santa Claus is coming to town.... ho ho ho ho!

Solo: | C | C | F | F |  
C	C	F	F
Ct	C	F	F
Ct	C	F	F
C	Am	Dm	G
C	C	C<sup>7</sup>	C<sup>7</sup>

2. He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake  
 Gm C F F Gm C F F  
 D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>  
 He knows if you've been bad or good  
 G<sup>6\*</sup> N.C. N.C. N.C.  
 You better be good for goodness sake  
 N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C.  
 [Big man:] Better be good for goodness sake

3. You better watch out you better not cry  
 C C/B<sup>b</sup> Am A<sup>b</sup>  
 C C/B<sup>b</sup> Am A<sup>b</sup>  
 You better not pout I'm telling you why  
 Ct C F F  
 Santa Claus is coming to town  
 Ct C F F  
 Santa Claus is coming to town  
 C Am Dm G (C)  
 Santa Claus is coming to town

Outro: [Quiet glockenspiel Christmas feel]

| C | C | F/C | G/C | [Repeat 4x]

C C F/C G/C

Santa Claus is coming to town [Repeat 8x with background Ho Ho Ho from the Big Man]

[Back to full band!]

Ct C F F

Santa Claus is coming to town, yeah yeah yeah [Repeat 4x]

| C\* | Am\* | Dm\* | G\* | C\* [with Jingle Bells riff] |