



Christmas Isn't Presents (The Best Gift of All)

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When I was younger, and my baby girl was seven,
She handed me a note she wrote to Santa Claus.
She said, "Daddy, can you send this to the North Pole for me?
It's important that it gets there in time because...
I want a dolly, a pair of skates and a trolley...
But as she spoke, this awful feelin' came over me.
Ya see, I was barely able to put food on our table,
And I knew Christmas couldn't be what she wanted it to be...
So, I told her... "Honey,...

Christmas Isn't Presents,
Or tinsel on a tree,
Or decorations hangin' in the hall.
Christmas Isn't Presents –
What we really need to see,
Is the love we give to one another...
Well, that's the best gift of all."

When I finished speakin', I didn't really know
If she could understand what it broke my heart to say.
But she asked me for her letter, and she took it from my hand,
And said, "Aw, I didn't need that dolly anyway."
Well, things got no better, and when that Christmas mornin' came,
I braced myself for the tears I knew I'd see.

But when she opened up that paper doll, that was all I could afford –
I was the one who cried when my baby smiled, and said to me...
She said, “Daddy,...

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Well, that's the best gift of all.
Yeah, the love we give to one another...
That's the best gift of all.”

Credits:

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Jeff Silverman & Doug James

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Doug James – Lead and Background Vocals, Piano and Toy Piano
Keith Mack – Acoustic Guitars, Bass, Bouzouki, Mandolin and Background Vocals
Don Hart – String Arrangement
Dave Davidson and the Nashville Recording Orchestra
Kim Fleming – Background Vocals
Armand Hutton – Background Vocals
Julia Idoni – Vocals
Sammy Merendino – drums
Nate Grower – Solo Violin
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