

Santa Claus Blues

Background: Just wanted to write a fun Christmas song.

Written: December 2025. Complete (more or less) on December 11, 2025.

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	A	4/4	Standard	140	Rock / Blues Shuffle	None

Arrangement	1
Verse	AAAA DDAA EDAA
Chorus	DDAA EDAA
Bridge	DDAA DDAA EEDD EEDD

Chuck Berry Rhythm in A

A5	A6(no3)	D5	D6(no3)	E5	E6(no3)
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Verse 1

A long time ago
When I was 7 or 8
It was Christmas Eve
And I was stayin' up late
Wonderin' if Santa
Was on his way
With presents piled high
In the back of his sleigh
This year I'm worried
I heard some bad news
Now I'm lyin' awake
With the Santa Claus blues

Verse 2

See this kid at school
Said Santa's just a big myth
Old folks made him up
He ain't bringing no gifts
It's got me all worried
Cuz now that I know
I'm lyin' awake
Afraid he ain't gonna show
I ain't gonna get nothin'
Not even new shoes
I got those
big myth
no gifts
Santa Claus blues

Chorus 1

I got the Santa Claus blues
Those Santa Claus blues
I can't face the news
Got too much to lose
With those
big myth no gifts
old shoes bad news
Santa Claus blues

Verse 3

I heard a sound
Downstairs in the house
A creature was stirring
Some really big mouse
So I grabbed my Red Ryder
Gonna take him down
Called for Rudy my dog
He's nowhere to be found
I gotta save Christmas
If it's the last thing I do
I got those
Big mouse no dog
Santa Claus blues

Verse 4

I snuck down the stairs
And saw quite a sight
Just out the window
'neath the streetlight
A man dressed in red
With a beard so white
Fleeing the scene
Taking off in the night
He looked just like they said
And away he flew
I got those
red suit white beard
Santa Claus blues

Chorus 2

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Bridge

Now the milk and cookies still sat there
Like Santa left in a rush
Looks like he got into my Dad's booze
I guess Santa's just a lush

But there beneath the tree
Much to my surprise
A stack of presents for me
Piled way up high

There sitting by the fire
Dad's familiar face
And Rudy with antlers
Lookin' way out of place

Long ears and tail
No deer would choose
And a nose so bright red
I thought he'd blow a fuse

Verse 5

So now it seemed like
It was all a big ruse
It must be Rudy and Dad
Playin' me for a fool
Then somewhere above
I heard sleigh bells ring
And Ho Ho Ho!
Some voice did sing
Christmas was saved
And that was such good news
Now I ain't got no more
Santa Claus blues

Chorus

The Santa Claus blues
I shook those Santa Claus blues
I got good news
I got brand new shoes

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1st Chorus

2nd Chorus

3rd Chorus

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