

Before Christmas

Apologia to **Wham!**

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But the very next year you took it away
This year, to save me from tears
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Once bitten and twice shy
I keep my distance, but I still catch your eye
Tell me people, do you recognize me?
Well, it's been a year, it doesn't surprise me

"Merry Christmas" I wrapped it up and sent it
With a note saying "I paid it back and I meant it"
Now I know what a fool I've been
But if you wrote me now, I know you'd fool me again

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A bureaucracy, staff with tired eyes
I'm hiding from you and your soul of ice
My God, I thought you were someone to rely on
Me? I guess I was a person to spy on

A face on a spreadsheet with a fire in its heart
A man under cover but you tore me apart
Ooh, ooh, now I've found an income
You'll never fool me again

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