**CHRISTMAS IS NEAR** (4/4)

**KEY OF D**

INTRODUCTION: Richard (Tick – Tock)

***D* Out in the country, about this time of *A* year,**

**(A1) Everybody's happy. Christmas time is *D* near!**

**Little children playing; running to and *A* fro,**

**Santa Claus is coming, riding on the *D* snow.**

FRIEDA BREAK:

***A I remember years ago, when G just a lad at D home,***

***A How I longed for Christmas time and G nothing could go D wrong.***

***(B*1) *Now, today, as I look back, it seems like just a A year.***

***Going back to see 'em all; Christmas time is D near!***

MIKE BREAK:

***D*** Holly in the window; the fireplace burning ***A*** bright;

Candle lights a glowing, on a Christmas ***D*** night.

**(A2)**I'll see the smiling faces, once again this ***A*** year,

Waiting for me at the door; Christmas time is ***D*** near!

­­­­­RAY BREAK:

***A*** *I can see the pine trees, now* ***G*** *swaying here and* ***D*** *there.*

*They* ***A*** *seem to know it's Christmas; there's* ***G*** *joy every-* ***D*** *where.*

**(B2)** *Ice froze on the branches; the water cool and* ***A*** *clear,*

*Snowflakes a falling; Christmas time is* ***D*** *near!*

TAG: ***D*** *Now, today, as I look back, it seems like just a* ***A*** *year.*

*Going back to see 'em all; Christmas time is D near!*