

**Every Christmas Brings a Tear**

**(Verse 1)**

The lights are glowing softly  
On the tree trimmed weeks ago  
But something in the quiet  
Makes old memories burn aglow  
A song comes on the radio  
And suddenly you're there  
You hold back a trembling smile  
As the past hangs in the air

**(Chorus)**

'Cause every Christmas brings a tear  
For the ones you love and those not here  
For the moments you can't get back  
But still hold dear  
Yet through the laughter and the cheer  
There's a tenderness that comes each year  
A little ache, a little light  
'Cause every Christmas brings a tear

**(Verse 2)**

You pause beside some ornaments  
Our children made one year  
A smudge of paint, a tiny name  
Still faint but always clear  
You hold them like a heartbeat  
As memories draw near  
And I can see you missing them  
In every quiet tear

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**(Bridge)**

And in these quiet moments, love,  
I see your heart so clear,  
The joy, the loss, the life we've lived  
All gathered in a tear

**(Final Chorus)**

'Cause every Christmas brings a tear  
But it also brings us near  
To the love that shaped our yesterdays  
And still lives here  
So let the memories appear  
We'll face them gently, year to year  
Hand in hand, we'll make it through  
'Cause every Christmas brings a tear