IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY - Jim Croce
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Make me wish that we could be together a-gain

And the windy winter avenues just don't seem the same
And the Christmas carols sound like blues, but the choir is not to blame

But, it doesn't have to be that way. What we had should never have ended
I'll be dropping by to-day. We could easily get it to-gether to-night. It's only right

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And if I told you who he is, well, I think you'd understand

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Interlude:

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Outro:
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Outro: Dm   Em   F   G7   C