

# Fairytale of New York

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Well Christmas is fast approaching so I decided to experiment with adding audio and video to my blog. If you are from the United Kingdom, Ireland, or much of western Europe you will be no doubt familiar with a folk-rock group called [The Pogues](#) and their Christmas song called [Fairytale of New York](#) which was first released in 1987 as part of the album [If I Should Fall from Grace with God](#). This song is a perennial favorite for many people at this time of the year. It is a duet between [Kirsty MacColl](#) and [Shane MacGowan](#). Kirsty MacColl died in Cozumel Mexico in 2000 protecting one of her sons during a dive from a speeding powerboat which entered a restricted dive site. Incidentally, [Matt Dillon](#) is the actor who played the New York policeman in the video which was released with the song.

YouTube is simply amazing. I found over 20 different videos for *Fairytale of New York*. Here is the original video, as they say, for your listening and viewing pleasure.

Here is the original video with subtitles if you want to read the lyrics.

I expect that Google is quietly working away on automating voice to subtitles. Just like you can now view this post in over 30 different languages, it would be nice if you could view subtitles for songs and videos in those same languages.

Finally, if you want see Shane MacGowan and Kirsty MacColl perform the song live together on stage.

Enjoy! And a Merry Christmas to all.