

Canadian Songwriter Stephen Dowd Unveils 'Play Me A Christmas Song' A Nostalgic Holiday Ballad Climbs Mediabase to #46

From 3 World Indie #1s to Holiday Reflection, Dowd's Soulful Pivot Rejects Jingle Overload for Bittersweet Remembrance - Impacting Top 40 Radio Worldwide

OTTAWA, CANADA, December 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Amidst the glow of twinkling lights and the rush of holiday frenzy, Canadian songwriter Stephen Dowd reminds us that the true spirit of Christmas whispers in the spaces between those poignant pauses where remembrances linger. Today, "Play Me A Christmas Song" surges to #46 on the Mediabase All Stations Holiday Chart and #16 Mediabase Top 40 stations via New Music Weekly's December rotation, as Dowd premieres his official music visual: a cinematic journey through generations of Christmas' past, underscoring lyrics that plead for the simple solace of a traditional song amid life's relentless changes.



Stephen Dowd, Canadian songwriter

Released independently on November 23, the new contemporary holiday ballad marks Dowd's masterful pivot from his dance and rock 'experiences' to soulful reflection. "Play me a Christmas song. One of the classic songs, we used to know. Those good ole days were nice and slow. Where we all felt like we belonged." evokes the precious tranquility of memories of lost loved ones over the inexorable march of time. The production swells with melancholy grace, shifting from quiet rumination to bittersweet comfort like a lone candle's flicker in a frost-laced windowpane. Featured in WCCA TV's Video Jam alongside holiday heavyweights like Eric Clapton and For King & Country, the track has already amassed thousands of streams, proving its resonance in a world starved for simpler times and authentic fellowship.

The music visual live on YouTube with over 17,000 views since its upload December 2nd upload transforms the song's emotional core into a tapestry of holiday vignettes: children circling the tree in wide-eyed wonder, families playing and hanging heirloom ornaments, and solitary figures gazing at falling snow, each frame a meditation on joy derived not from gifts, but from presence. "Sometimes the season feels too long. The silence goes too deep," the bridge delivers a raw admission that elevates a release far beyond seasonal filler into a year-round anthem of silent reminders. As viviPlay eloquently describes the single, "it navigates the treacherous waters of nostalgia without capsizing into cheese, leaving listeners to ponder: Does the Christmas spirit thrive in the noise, or emerge only when we're quiet enough to hear the echoes?"



"Play Me A Christmas Song" - Stephen Dowd

Dowd's trajectory from Ottawa's local studios to global indie dominance underscores his unyielding drive to write great music. Kicking off in 2024 with the emotional ballad "You're Beautiful To Me" (May) and rock powerhouse "Heaven Won't Wait" (August), he exploded in 2025 with three consecutive #1s on the World Indie Top 100 Chart: "(Ça S'en Vient) Can You Feel It" (March 3), "Freedom" (June 9), and "Summertime" (July 21). These hits, alongside non-radio standouts like "Anytime Anywhere With You" (65,000+ Spotify streams) and "Summertime" (49,000+), showcase a chameleon-like versatility, from club-ready remixes to reflective pop - that European Indie Music Network hails as "gliding between genres, from heartfelt ballads to powerful crowd-pleasers. This is not merely background music, it's a fully immersive listening experience."

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Watch the official music video now at: <https://www.youtube.com/@stephendowd4045>. Follow indie artist Stephen Dowd's ascent on X: @StephenDowd2012, Instagram: @stephendowd2025, and VEVO (@StephenDowdVEVO). Stream "Play Me A Christmas Song" on Spotify and [Apple Music](#). For interviews, assets, or playlist adds, contact Stephen Dowd Music at:

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About Stephen Dowd

Stephen Dowd is an emerging Ottawa-based Canadian songwriter whose emotive catalog spans rock anthems, dance remixes, and soul-stirring ballads, earning him three #1s on the World Indie Top 100 in 2025 alone. From a minimalist upbringing to IT roots, Dowd crafts songs that challenge the status quo in the music industry, blending human vulnerability with magnetic hooks that connect. Discover more at stephendowdmusic.com.

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