Santa Never Made It Into Darwin © 1975 - Bill & Boyd

Verse 1
G
On Christmas Eve of seventy four the
Am7
warning sounded out
D7
On all the broadcast stations a great
C      G
storm was near about
G
The boys and girls asleep in bed
Am7
tomorrow was their day
D7
Their mums and dads all prayed the
C      G
mighty storm would turn away

Chorus
C                  D7                  G       G7
Santa never made it into Darwin
C                  D7                  G
Disaster struck at dawn on Christmas Day
G          G7
Santa never made it into Darwin
Am                      D7
A big wind came and blew the town away

Verse 2
G
Christmas morning was a nightmare as
Am7
Cyclone Tracey struck
D7
It ripped apart the buildings like an
C      G
atom bomb had struck
G    Am7
It twisted iron girders and flattened all
the trees
D7
The might of such a cyclone must be
C      G
seen to be believed

Chorus
Bridge
Em
Many boats put out to sea
D
Very few returned
C
Most were foundered on the rocks
A7                  D7
Or in huge seas overturned

Verse 3
G                    Am7
Australia was shocked and saddened as
the news came through
D7      C
The devastated city must be built anew
G
The suffering and heartache to happen in this way
D7      C
A natural disaster was brought on
G          G7
Christmas Day

Chorus

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