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## Anne's song for Christmas

**Fylde coast songbird Anne Nolan loves Christmas.**

And this year, the festive season promises to be even more special for the star.

She is releasing her first ever Christmas single on Monday – even with her sisters, the famous Nolans, she had never released a Christmas song.

Christmas Time Is Here, released on the Monkey Records label, aims to capture the spirit of Christmas – something Anne always loves.

Anne, who lives in Blackpool, said: "It's a lovely song. It's wonderful I can still do things like this, which I really enjoy."

"My manager Marc suggested I record this song as a Christmas single, and once I had listened to it, I thought it was a lovely little song."

"It was always expected The Nolans would put out a Christmas single, but we never did."

"I believe the time and the feeling has got to be right and now, with my own daughters grown-up and I have three grandchildren – I suppose Christmas time these days, for me has a different dimension."

"As a family, the whole Christmas period was and still is so special to us and like all families, the festive time is about rejoicing and remembering. This song holds very special messages about what Christmas means."

Christmas is always a time Anne holds dear, although she is often too busy to have much time off during the festive season.

For her, it is all about family.

Anne – who often spends much of the festive season appearing in panto – said: "I love Christmas, I love everything about it."

"Every year I go carol singing, I love carol singing."

"This year I'm not doing a panto, I have some time off."

"My daughter wants me to do another panto, just for the grandchildren to be able to see

me in one.

"I'm going to be cooking Christmas lunch, there's going to be about 17 of us – family and friends."

"It will be nice – my sisters Maureen and Denise are coming, and my brother Tom, my aunty. And those who can't make lunch are coming later on in the day."

"It's our second Christmas of course without Bernie. We will miss her, but will share our fond memories of her."

"We have always sung around the Christmas table, we always sing Have Yourself A Merry Christmas, we used to do it as a five-part harmony."

"When we sang it last year, it was very emotional, but it was lovely."

"I think Christmas is always a time when you think about people who are not there – those who have passed away, those living elsewhere who can't be with you."

"It's sad, but it's also nice to share memories."

Anne – whose hit singles with her sisters as The Nolans included I'm In The Mood For Dancing – hopes her festive single will inspire others with its message about the meaning of Christmas.

"It has a lovely message – it's about remembering people, about reminiscing."

"Part of the song is about people far away and it made me think of our Armed Forces, posted abroad, who cannot be with loved ones."

"Dave, who wrote the song, said that's what he had in mind."

And Anne, who each Christmas carries out work to help local charities, said: "I think we have to try to remember some people may not be having a great time at Christmas and try to do what we can to help."

Christmas Time Is Here will be released on Monday, November 30. Visit [www.annenolan.co.uk](http://www.annenolan.co.uk)



Singer Anne Nolan, who rose to fame with her sisters as The Nolans, is getting ready for Christmas