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# Christmas of '67

The older I get, the more ordinary Christmas seems. Maybe that's what it means to grow up — the glitter and the newness of something that was once magical and wild slowly fades. Or maybe it's because no Christmas will ever reach the highs and lows of the one I survived the year I turned 13.

That was the Christmas my daddy upset all the money Mama had set aside for presents — again. It was the Christmas I got our first kiss. And it was the Christmas we almost burned the house down).

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