The Christmas Countdown by Andy French (based upon "The Final Countdown" by Europe)

Version 1:   This should match the recording!

Intro: F#m   D   Bm   E   x2

    F#m E A D C# C#   F#m *(let ring)*

\#F#m
    To Rudolf he's tethered
F#m   Bm
    To the Elves he bids farewell
F#m
    And tomorrow he'll come back
       F#m E   A
When on Earth, all is well
D   E
  Santa Claus is his name
A   E   F#m   E   D
  Sleigh's leaving ground (leaving ground)
   C#   E   E E E...
Will I get the same socks again?

       F#m   D   Bm   E
It's the Christmas countdown ...
       F#m   D   Bm   E
  the Christmas countdown ...   Ohhh,

F#m
    Oh he's heading for my house
F#m   Bm
    I hope my chimney remains whole
F#m
    I pity my neighbours
 F#m   E   A
    Who use electric not coal
D   E
  With so many air miles to go
A   E   F#m E   D
  And children sleeping sound (sleeping sound)
     C#   E   E E E...
Listen for that voice that says   "Ho Ho!"

      F#m   D   Bm   E
It's the Christmas countdown ...
      F#m   D   Bm   E
  the Christmas countdown ...
    F#m   E   A
the Christmas countdown (Christmas countdown)
D   C#   F#m
   ohhhhhh   ohhhhhh

Lead guitar over:

Bm A D G D/F# E A Bm F#m

Bm A D G D/F# E A Bm C#

    F#m   D   Bm   E   x2

     F#m   E   A
the Christmas countdown (Christmas countdown)
D   C#
   ohhhhhh

         F#m   D   Bm   E
It's the Christmas countdown ...
         F#m   D   Bm   E
  the Christmas countdown ...
        F#m   E   A
the Christmas countdown (Christmas countdown)
D   C#
   ohhhhhh

        F#m   D
It's the Christmas countdown ...
       Bm   E
To Rudolf he's tethered
       F#m   D
the Christmas countdown
        Bm   E
His voice sings Ho, Ho!
       F#m   D   Bm   E
It's the Christmas countdown ...
       F#m   E   A
the Christmas countdown (Christmas countdown)
D   C#
   ohhhhhh
         F#m
It's the Christmas countdown ...

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Version2:   For solo performance

Sing 'Ba da da dum! Ba da da da dum! etc' over chorus and intro chords!

Intro: F#m   D   Bm   E

      F#m   E A D C#   C#   F#m *(let ring)*

F#m
    To Rudolf he's tethered
F#m   Bm
    To the Elves he bids farewell
F#m
    And tomorrow he'll come back
      F#m   E   A
When on Earth, all is well
D   E
  Santa Claus is his name
A   E   F#m   E   D
  Sleigh's leaving ground (leaving ground)
    C#   E   E E E...
Will I get the same socks again?

        F#m   D   Bm   E
It's the Christmas countdown ...
        F#m   D   Bm   E
  the Christmas countdown ...   Ohhh,

F#m
    Oh he's heading for my house
F#m   Bm
    I hope my chimney remains whole
F#m
    I pity my neighbours
 F#m   E   A
    Who use electric not coal
D   E
  With so many air miles to go
A   E   F#m   E   D
  And children sleeping sound (sleeping sound)
      C#   E   E E E...
Listen for that voice that says   "Ho Ho!"

        F#m   D   Bm   E
It's the Christmas countdown ...
        F#m   D   Bm   E
  the Christmas countdown ...
      F#m   E   A
the Christmas countdown (Christmas countdown)
D   C#   F#m
  ohhhhhh   ohhhhhh

Lead guitar over:

Bm A D G D/F# E A Bm C#

F#m   D   Bm   E

F#m E A D C# C#   F#m *(let ring)*

F#m
    He's had too much Egg Nog
F#m   Bm
    And mince pies and stilton
F#m
    He's miswrapped some hot pants
     F#m   E   A
For the wife! Not Auntie and children
D   E
  He consumes an entire Christmas cake
A   E   F#m   E   D
  Knitwear's looking great   (looking great)
        C#   E   E E E...
He tells bad puns from noon till late ....

        F#m   D
It's the Christmas countdown ...
         Bm   E
To Rudolf he's tethered
         F#m   D
the Christmas countdown
           Bm   E
His voice sings Ho, Ho!
         F#m   E   A
the Christmas countdown (Christmas countdown)
D   C#
   ohhhhhh
          F#m
It's the Christmas countdown ...

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