

STEADY AND GRACEFUL, SOLID AND WISE

by Paul Cooper

For those of us who don't attend hockey games or ice skating rinks, a Zamboni is the big four-wheeled machine that comes out and smooths out the ice between skating sessions. Named for its inventor, Mr. Zamboni, this graceful monster makes quite an impression especially on kids. This song was written by Chris Hartman's sister Mary Hartman. Mary performs with the trio Humphrey, Hartman and Cameron out in state of Washington. Their website is <http://humphreyandhartman.com/>. (It is worth visiting for the banjo haiku alone.) You can listen to the song here: <https://youtu.be/XlrpvEeQpGM?si=CTKJWUaEzES1p4SB>

"We play it in C. I play G chords with the capo on the 5th fret, and Janet plays in C with no capo." ~*Mary Hartman*

ZAMBONI *by Mary Hartman*

C **Am** **F** **Dm**
When I was little my mom and dad took me
C **Am** **F** **G**
To the arena on Christmas eve
C **Am** **F** **Dm**
Mama loved hockey, Dad loved the fighting
 C **Am** **F** **G**
But my heart was taken by that wondrous machine...

Chorus:

C **Am** **F** **Dm**
Zamboni, Zamboni
C **Am** **F** **G**
Steady and graceful, solid and wise.
C **Am** **F** **Fm**
Zamboni, Zamboni
C **G** **F** **C**
Magical queen of the ice.

Later that evening, when I hung my stocking
I whispered so softly, "Oh please, Santa, please.
I know that it's late, but won't you consider
Making me happy for the rest of my days?"

Chorus

On Christmas morning my stocking was lumpy
With a dolly and candy and games I could play
And a note signed, "Love, Santa" that said, "Dear, I'm sorry
I tried but I just could not fit in my sleigh a...

Chorus

Now I am older, but still every year
I go to the arena like that Christmas long past.
And in my dreams I lead all the skaters
Smoothing the ice till it's cleaner than glass.

Chorus