

( Written by Tea & Kat)
First Christmas with Hawks || Keigo Tamaki x Listener

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Audio opens with the crackling of a fireplace. The sound of paper crinkling can be heard. Christmas music can be heard playing muffled, in another room.

Aaand that should do it. See Birdy, I'm getting the hang of this wrapping paper thing. (paper crackling as he holds up a present)

What do you think? (pause)

I think it looks pretty good too. Although, I don't know if I'll ever be as good as you when it comes to wrapping presents.

How's lighting that tree coming along? **(pause)** Wow, baby! You're really something else. Look at you *go*. I thought that would take forever but you're an expert at this huh?

Need any help with getting the lights on the upper branches? **(pause)** Alright, alright, I trust you. I know you got it. You just tell me if you need a boost up. And be careful with that ladder, don't need our first Christmas interrupted by a hospital trip, heh.

(Pause)

If you say so songbird~ I just..worry about you is all. I don't want you to get hurt if I can help it. S'why I gave you that feather you're wearing after all.

**(Hums)** I'm gonna go grab another coffee from the kitchen. Need anything?..Hot Cocoa? You got it. Want any marshmallows?..Mmhm. And whipped cream?.. Heh. Whatever my Birdy wants.

(Footsteps walking away. Sound of Christmas lights crinkling as Listener continues to string them. Christmas carols play for a bit, clattering in the kitchen as Keigo works)

(clattering lights, foot slipping off metal)

(worried) Birdy-! (Swooping sound)

(relieved) Gotcha.

Aww baby, if you wanted to kiss under the mistletoe, you could have just asked me. No need to go throwing yourself off a ladder for that.

Does this make you a partridge in a pear tree? Or maybe it makes us two turtle doves~?

Hahaha! C'mon Pigeon you know I'm teasing..I thought it would be fitting! (thump of listener swatting him, laughingly) Ow, okay, okay I take back the pigeon part hahaha!

You're not hurt though right?

### (Pause)

Good. (kiss) I'll take 'shook up' over injured any day. There ya go, back on your feet.

## (Shuffle as he puts the listener down)

It's handy having feathers like mine when your hands are full huh? Maybe we should retire from this whole hero business and open a cafe. Serve our customers using my feathers. Wouldn't that be something?

Well, before I get too ahead of myself.. Here's your hot cocoa, served in your favorite mug, juuust the way you like it.

Heh. Might not be much of a cook, but hot drinks? Those I can do~

Take a few sips for me and then I'll help finish up those lights. Just tell me how you want 'em okay?

(sip, sound of his feathers shifting followed by the sound of the lights being moved) Right there? Alright...and how about that? Look good? There we go...tree lighting successfully completed with minimal casualties haha!

Hm? You saved the star for me? Well, how about this instead. We put the star on together after we put the ornaments on?

(sweet peck) I thought you'd agree~

Let's do the ones we bought together first~ I made sure to put the box on top of all the other ornaments so it wouldn't get all jumbled in.

## (footsteps as they walk over, shuffle as he opens the box)

There we go.. "Our First Christmas" Heh...and it has both our names on it. Still can't get over it. Here lovebird. Pick a good spot for it.

### (shuffle as he hands it over, the listener slips the ornament onto the tree after a moment)

Nice~ You have an eye for this dove. I think that's the perfect spot for it. Now, let's see about getting the rest of these on huh?

# (While he's talking, sound of tinkling of ornaments and shifting as they continue to put on ornaments)

Y'know, I never went to a holiday market like that before. They have ornaments for just about anything. Still not sure about that pickle ornament you wanted, but hey, whatever my baby wants, my baby gets. Pass me the chicken drumstick ornament?.. Heh, thanks babe.

### (Few moments of quiet and ambiance as they continue to decorate the tree)

Aw, you even made one of my feathers into an ornament? Cute...I like it! It's got a little jingle bell and everything. How about...we put it...here?

### (Small jingle as the feather is put in place)

Looks good? Great! Hm, here's a snowman for you...and a wreath for me.

(Fond laugh) This is...really fun honestly.

Hm, where should I put this one? Over there? Alright, there we go. Oh don't forget the candy canes! I got us a whole box to put on the tree. Yup, right over there~

## (Shuffle, pause)

**(Sheepish)** I maaaay have had one...or two. Haha! Sorry songbird, you know me, I kinda have a big sweet tooth, I just couldn't help myself! But I made sure to leave plenty for the tree.

### (Shuffling as they put the candy canes in, he grabs a box)

Huh, tinsel is kinda weird isn't it? But it really does look pretty, you're gonna have to help me here, haha I've never done this before.

Oh, just a few strands at a time..gotcha. Heh, you really are a Christmas expert huh?

Some over here...a little over there....use a feather to get the stuff on the top~ aaaaand there we go! Heh, how's that?

Right! Almost forgot the star. Here Birdy, you grab it and I'll fly us up, we can put it on together~

Don't worry, I'll be careful. I won't knock anything over, promise~

# (Footsteps as they grab the star and then back to Keigo, he picks him up, a soft swooping noise as he flutters up)

Haha see? Told ya I could do it...now..let's get that star into place. Juuust like...that! Perfect!

# (He lands and puts the listener down)

Aand that should do it. Let's take a step back and admire our hard work.

### (Pause)

Wow. That's.. Really something. All the lights. The tinsel was a nice touch too.

**(Softly)** Hey, Birdy...can I hold you for a minute? I just wanna take this all in.. The snow, our tree, the fireplace. You. **(pause)** I just...need a moment if that's okay?

### (soft footsteps, sits with a sigh)

C'mere Birdy. Just sit in front of me and lean back into my chest. Get nice and comfy.

### (Sound of adjusting and shifting on the couch)

Mm.. Perfect. (soft contented sigh) This is perfect.

### (A moment of quiet, Keigo's breathing and the ambience)

Y'know, I never really got to watch the snow like this. Or decorate a tree, or really do anything fun during the holidays...

(another happy sigh) Hm. Yeah, usually up to my neck in work, heh. Crime is always at a high during this time of the year, so the Commission always kept me busy...but (slyly) nothing like having a few favors in your back pocket to get those time off requests signed~

Plus...this time around it's special for once.....My first real Christmas...heh. I never really had a chance to celebrate Christmas. Even when I was a little kid.. (soft chuckle) Ah dove, that's a story for another time. I'll tell you later though, I promise..

But yeah, this time of year was just another week of work for me...a busy one, but just work...at least until I met you my little Songbird. You changed everything...you flew into my life and made yourself right at home. I don't know what I'd do without you.

So.. Thank you for making my days merry and bright. I wouldn't want to spend it any other way. **(kiss)** 

And, with that, there's something I wanted to give you. Reach under that pillow. Yeah the one next to you, if you can manage to grab it. Go on, don't be shy. Here, I'll even let go of you so you have more wiggle room.

**(Sound of rustling)** Heh, I know it's a tiny box. But hey, size doesn't matter, right? **(Laugh)** Alright alright. Open it, babe.

### (Sound of paper tearing)

Consider this an early Christmas present. I just couldn't stop thinking about it, and knew my baby had to have it.

### (Pause)

Now, before you get all jumpy on me, it's not what you think it is. But.. I thought it was important to give you this. You mean so much to me. You.. showed me that maybe I could have a life outside of the Commission.

You slow everything down, you make everything...quiet...just so that I can breathe and enjoy life. I'd never really had that before you. You just haha...open the door of my cage and let me fly free every time I'm around you. It makes me feel dizzy, lightheaded...like I'm seeing the world for the first time.

(Soft kiss, his voice gentle and close) You're so...special to me y'know? And I wanted to get this for you to show it. Words are just that...words, but I wanted to back up what I'm saying with this.

Being a hero and protecting citizens is my priority, I'd give my life for them but.. I found someone that makes me want to come home safe every day. (**Pause**) You.

I knew with you there was always something more. Since that day I caught you falling from the balcony.. I don't know. I haven't felt anything like this before. Heh..

So, with this ring, I promise to come home to you. Every day. For as long as you'll have me. And besides, what kind of number two hero would I be if I didn't? (Thumping sound of listener turning around and hugging him)

Mm.. I love you too, Birdy. And I always will.

(Softly) Hey. Look up at me a sec. (Quick pause, followed by a sweet kiss)

Merry Christmas, Songbird. I can't wait for next year~