

A festive holiday-themed image featuring the International Space Station (ISS) in space. The station is shown with its complex structure and large solar panel arrays. The background is a dark, starry sky. Overlaid on the image are several large, stylized holiday decorations: a large yellow bell in the top left, a green and white polka-dot sphere in the top center, a yellow star in the bottom left, and a yellow bell in the top right. The text "Happy Holidays from Expedition 66" is written in a white, elegant cursive font across the center of the image.

*Happy Holidays
from Expedition 66*

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00:00:10,549 --> 00:00:08,390

[Music]

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00:00:12,549 --> 00:00:10,559

christmas means to me

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00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:12,559

memories of wonderful moments in my

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00:00:17,189 --> 00:00:13,759

childhood

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00:00:19,830 --> 00:00:17,199

memories of families getting together i

6
00:00:21,830 --> 00:00:19,840

always look forward to this time of year

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00:00:23,910 --> 00:00:21,840

because even when i was away at the

8
00:00:26,310 --> 00:00:23,920

naval academy that was always a time

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00:00:28,390 --> 00:00:26,320

that i got to come home to see my family

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00:00:30,630 --> 00:00:28,400

it's the time of the year when we unite

11
00:00:31,589 --> 00:00:30,640

with friends and families a lot of good

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00:00:36,069 --> 00:00:31,599

food

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00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:36,079

only available for christmas there's

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00:00:39,190 --> 00:00:37,360

obviously a pretty large spiritual

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:39,200

aspect of christmas but whether you

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00:00:42,389 --> 00:00:40,960

celebrate christmas or any of the

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00:00:43,430 --> 00:00:42,399

holidays this time of year i think the

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00:00:44,730 --> 00:00:43,440

important thing like everyone's

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00:00:47,510 --> 00:00:44,740

mentioned is reconnecting

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00:00:49,190 --> 00:00:47,520

[Music]

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00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:49,200

even though we'll be up here this year

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00:00:52,470 --> 00:00:51,120

we have our space family so i think

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00:00:54,709 --> 00:00:52,480

we're going to create some of our own

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00:00:56,229 --> 00:00:54,719

traditions and we'll be able to talk to

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00:00:57,830 --> 00:00:56,239

our family on the ground

26
00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:57,840
there's a new family here in space and

27
00:01:01,349 --> 00:00:59,760
so getting to spend christmas as a

28
00:01:03,110 --> 00:01:01,359
family with this family is something i'm

29
00:01:04,950 --> 00:01:03,120
looking forward to it's a special

30
00:01:07,750 --> 00:01:04,960
christmas like being in space being with

31
00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:07,760
friends um doing a special job

32
00:01:13,109 --> 00:01:09,360
actually we could celebrate christmas

33
00:01:18,469 --> 00:01:13,119
like i don't know like 24 divided by 90

34
00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:20,789
when i get to go home to my mom's i

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:22,880
always way over eat the

36
00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:24,960
once a year chocolate double chocolate

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00:01:29,350 --> 00:01:26,400
cookies that she makes

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00:01:31,109 --> 00:01:29,360

so i i will miss those up here the epic

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:31,119

search for the christmas pickle because

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00:01:33,590 --> 00:01:32,079

the person who finds the christmas

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:33,600

pickle on the tree gets to open the

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:35,360

present and then divvy out the presents

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:37,520

after that on christmas eve

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00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:39,360

it's we have a very nice dinner a

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00:01:43,270 --> 00:01:41,360

special meal it's every year the same on

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00:01:45,990 --> 00:01:43,280

christmas eve but it's only for

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00:01:47,670 --> 00:01:46,000

christmas and we open all the presents

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00:01:49,030 --> 00:01:47,680

the same evening don't think anyone

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00:01:52,710 --> 00:01:49,040

would be able to wait till the next

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00:01:54,550 --> 00:01:52,720

morning i like the the very long

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00:01:56,950 --> 00:01:54,560
very large christmas breakfast that we

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00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:56,960
have i think my favorite christmas

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00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:59,200
tradition is how my family decorates the

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:01,200
christmas tree we would have basically a

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00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:03,119
picnic for dinner and we'll just spend a

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00:02:06,789 --> 00:02:05,119
couple hours decorating the tree

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00:02:08,790 --> 00:02:06,799
competing for the best section to

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00:02:09,890 --> 00:02:08,800
highlight their their ornaments that we

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00:02:13,190 --> 00:02:09,900
would get every year

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:13,200
[Music]

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00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:15,360
privileged to have the perspective of

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00:02:19,430 --> 00:02:17,120
seeing so many countries

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00:02:22,070 --> 00:02:19,440

we can go from one side to the other in

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00:02:24,869 --> 00:02:22,080

just a few minutes it truly gives us a

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,879

feeling of unification for all human

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00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:26,480

beings around the world we get to see

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00:02:29,670 --> 00:02:28,000

the sunrise

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00:02:31,110 --> 00:02:29,680

many times a day so thinking about the

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00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:31,120

fact that people are waking up to a new

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00:02:34,229 --> 00:02:33,280

year each time we see that sunrise is

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00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:34,239

pretty cool

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:36,480

then looking forward to the next year or

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00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:38,640

the science that we want to run here or

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00:02:41,890 --> 00:02:40,720

the experiments that will be a splendid

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00:02:45,670 --> 00:02:41,900

start into the new year

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00:02:47,350 --> 00:02:45,680

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i'd like to let my family know that no

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matter where i am no matter how far away

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00:02:53,910 --> 00:02:51,840

i am from all of you that my heart is

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00:02:55,430 --> 00:02:53,920

always with you i think i'll make sure

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00:02:56,949 --> 00:02:55,440

that i give my family a call let them

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:56,959

know how much i'm thinking about them

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00:03:00,390 --> 00:02:58,400

how much i love them and how much i

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00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:00,400

can't wait to see them when i get home

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00:03:04,390 --> 00:03:02,319

and i would tell my wife daughter

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00:03:06,070 --> 00:03:04,400

brothers and sisters how

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00:03:08,869 --> 00:03:06,080

happy i am

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00:03:10,229 --> 00:03:08,879

to be able to talk to them to be able to

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00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:10,239

communicate with them

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00:03:14,550 --> 00:03:12,480

and of course how much i miss them i

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00:03:17,030 --> 00:03:14,560

love you guys i miss you and

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00:03:18,309 --> 00:03:17,040

i'm glad glad to be spending it here but

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00:03:22,309 --> 00:03:18,319

and i'm glad to know i'll be able to

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00:03:27,190 --> 00:03:24,869

merry christmas merry christmas happy

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00:03:30,090 --> 00:03:27,200

holidays happy new year from all of