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I was on a quest to find a song that covered both **wine** and **Thanksgiving** - it proved more difficult than I could have imagined. There are a few songs out there, but they either didn't feel right, were raunchy, or just didn't "hit" what I was looking for.

Growing up, the time from Thanksgiving to Christmas was my favorite time of year. It started with family gatherings for Thanksgiving which was the kickoff for the Christmas season. Nowadays "Christmas" starts far too early. Three weeks ago I went into a large box store looking for pellets for my BBQ grill. The first thing I saw when I walked in was a huge Christmas display. I asked one of the clerks, "where can I find pellets amidst all this Christmas stuff?" and he somewhat disgustingly said, "don't get me started!" referring to the early onslaught of Christmas *everything*. It seems we have lost the magic and excitement of anticipating (and waiting) for the wonder of the season. I digress though.

The song I chose references Thanksgiving more than wine, and in fact doesn't reference wine at all but merely refers to "fill your drink." I thought this sufficient to qualify for my purposes. I felt emphasis should be more on the Thanksgiving side anyways.

I found **The Thanksgiving Song** during my search and have never heard of it, or the artist. It's by a young (born in 1986) songwriter, **Ben Rector**, and was released in 2020 on his studio album titled, **A Ben Rector Christmas**. The song has a lovely melody that somehow seems a bit lively while also almost melancholy in way (it might make you cry). Or perhaps it's the lyrics that make it feel that way.

I love the images it conjures and the feelings it evokes. References to fall leaves, returning to your hometown and how things change but some things never change. The chorus, "so fill your plate and fill your drink, and fill this house with family" is what it is all about. The other line that hits home is "cause the older that I get I see that life is short and bittersweet." This song reminds me of the good ol' days of family at Thanksgiving, watching football games, watching families grow over the years, graduating from "the kids table" and remembering those no longer with us; all part of the deal. These are all things that are a part of my own life and Thanksgiving times I cherish. The closing line to me sums up a lot of what we've felt the last year or so: "cause we made it through, I do believe the longest year in history, thank God that it's Thanksgiving Day."

So click the song link below to listen to this song about traditions, holidays, and observations as we grow older, but don't forget to **fill your drink** first. *Happy Thanksgiving.*

[Ben Rector - The Thanksgiving Song - YouTube](#)

If you want to learn more about Ben - [Ben Rector - Wikipedia](#)