

## **A STRANGE TOY (SAMPLE)**

### **CAST LIST**

#### **Boys**

**Teddy bear  
Postman Pat  
Clown  
Jack in the Box (could be girl)  
Action man  
Batman  
Superman  
Eeyore (could be girl)  
Joseph  
Cuddly Dog (could be girl)**

#### **Girls**

**Doll  
Glove puppet 1 (could be boy)  
Glove puppet 2 (could be boy)  
Barbie Doll  
Indian doll  
Russian doll  
Chinese doll  
Skipping rope 1 (could be boy)  
Skipping rope 2 (could be boy)  
Rag doll  
Ballerina  
Cuddly cat  
Christmas angel  
Mary**

**N.B. Other non-speaking toys could be added, or you could have children sitting in front of the stage dressed as toys, to sing at the end.**

## **A STRANGE TOY**

### **A Nativity Play**

*(The stage is set as a toy cupboard. There are some large building bricks with alphabet letters on, a car, a ball, a large mouth organ and a Jack-in-a-box. Two glove puppets are rolling (what looks like) a marble between them. A pretty doll with blonde hair is sitting down with a Teddy Bear and a Barbie Doll; they are chatting while they make some Christmas paper chains.)*

**DOLL**

I need some red paper, could you pass me some please Ted?

**TEDDY**

Here you are. This Christmas decoration is coming along very nicely.

**BARBIE**

Hmm. But I still don't feel very Christmassy. I'm too worried.

**DOLL**

What are you worried about?

**BARBIE**

Supposing I don't get some new clothes for Christmas? I can't possibly wear any of the outfits I've already got. They're just not fashionable any more.

**TEDDY**

Is that all you've got to worry about? I'm worried that the children will get a new and better teddy and I will be taken to the...the...

**DOLL**

The Charity shop.

**TEDDY**

Oh don't say it! It's too horrible to think about!

**DOLL**

You won't get taken to the charity shop. People always keep their teddies - even when they're all grown up. I'm more likely to be taken there than you are.

**BARBIE**

Yes. Well you are a bit babyish for the girls now aren't you?

**DOLL**

Thank you for being so considerate.

**BARBIE**

Well I'm only being truthful. The girls are of an age where they're interested in fashion and beauty, not playing mums and babies. I mean, you haven't been taken out in the pram for ages have you?

**DOLL**

No.

**TEDDY**

Never mind. Let's not think about it. Let's just try and enjoy Christmas.

*(There is a voice offstage which shouts)*

**VOICE**

Batman Forever!

**BARBIE**

Oh no! Not him again!

*(Batman comes leaping onstage)*

**BATMAN**

Hello toys!

**DOLL, BARBIE, TEDDY & GLOVE PUPPETS**

Hello Batman.

**BATMAN**

What's everyone doing?

**DOLL**

We were just quietly making some Christmas decorations.

**BATMAN**

Oh that's boring! What about you puppets?

**GLOVE PUPPET 1**

We were playing with this marble.

**BATMAN**

That's boring too! *(He leaps up onto a chair)* Doesn't anybody need rescuing?

**BARBIE**

Only from you. Go away, you're too loud.

**BATMAN**

There's never anything to do in this toy cupboard.

*(Superman and Action Man come in)*

**ACTION MAN**

I agree. *(He pretends to shoot everyone with his gun)*

**TEDDY**

Oh really. Why do you three toys have to come and pester us? Why don't you go away and play somewhere else?

**SUPERMAN**

Actually, for your information, we're not toys.

**BARBIE**

Oh? What are you then?

**SUPERMAN**

We're action figures.

**ACTION MAN**

Yeah. Action with a capital A, *(He pretends to shoot Batman, who goes "aagh" clutches his stomach and falls off the chair pretending to be dead.)*

**GLOVE PUPPET 2**

Of course you're toys. Don't be silly.

**SUPERMAN**

We are not toys. Action figures are not toys they're...they're...

**BATMAN**

Action figures.

**ACTION MAN**

Yeah. We do stuff. Exciting stuff. We don't just dress up in sparkly frocks and sit there.

**BARBIE**

Don't you criticise my clothes! Anyway, you've got a whole load of clothes that you get dressed up in.

**ACTION MAN**

If you mean my scuba diving gear and my commando outfit and my parachuting kit, yes I have. But they're for different types of action. They have a purpose.

**BARBIE**

My clothes have a purpose too. I have my skiing outfit and my ballgown and my disco outfit and...

**DOLL**

Oh stop arguing about clothes you two! You're giving me a headache.

*(The Russian, Chinese and Indian dolls enter)*

**SUPERMAN**

Ah! These three can settle this argument.

**RUSSIAN DOLL**

What argument?

**SUPERMAN**

We say that we are not toys, we are action figures. What do you say?

**RUSSIAN DOLL**

That's true. You are action figures.

**CHINESE DOLL**

And we're not toys either.

**GLOVE PUPPET 1**

What are you then?

**INDIAN DOLL**

We are souvenirs. We were brought back from foreign countries and we're supposed to be looked at, not played with.

**GLOVE PUPPET 2**

So how come you're in the toy cupboard and not on the shelves with the other souvenirs like the plates and cups and glasses from foreign countries?

**TEDDY**

Yes. And the wickerwork donkey from Spain.

**RUSSIAN DOLL**

Well...

**GLOVE PUPPET 1**

A-ha. You can't answer that can you?

**GLOVE PUPPET 2**

No. The rule is - if you're in the toy cupboard, you're a toy, and that's that.

**DOLL**

I hate Christmas. Everyone seems to fight all the time.

*(Enter the Christmas Angel)*

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL**

I love Christmas.

**DOLL**

Well you would. It's the only time you get to leave the toy cupboard and go up on top of the Christmas tree.

**TEDDY**

As far as I'm concerned, Christmas Angel is the only one who has a right to say that she is not a toy. She shouldn't be in this cupboard at all.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL**

No. I should be packed away with all the decorations. But it's so much more fun being with all of you rather than being shut in a box.

**DOLL**

At last! Someone who has something nice to say, instead of starting a fight.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL**

Oh everyone should be happy at Christmas.