

Playstage

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Christmas Day with Scrooge



A lively update on an old classic – with lots of songs!

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CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

CHILD*

MOUSE*

DOG*

CAT*

OLIVER

NANCY

MUM

DAD

PIP

GRANNY

GRANDPA

UNCLE EBS

CAROL SINGERS (6 – 8)*

SANTA

ELVES*: *EDEN, EMMA, EDWARD, EVIE, EDWIN, EDGAR.*

THE TOYS*: *NINJA TURTLE, LOOM BANDS (1 child), POP STAR, DINOSAUR, SUPERMAN, MARIO, FOOTBALLER, ELSA, ANNA, DWARF, PRINCESS.*

3 FAIRIES (Past, Present and Future)

SNOWMEN (3)*

EB'S MOTHER

YOUNG EBS

POTATOES (4)*

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS (4)*

BOB *(Uncle EBS shop assistant)

NELL *(BOB's wife)

TIM *(BOB's child)

*Possible 57 speaking/singing parts but all the parts with * can be doubled up. There are really only 11 parts which cannot be doubled. So, in theory, this play could be done with a class of 20 children or 40 children or two classes of 30. Highly adaptable.*

RUNNING TIME OF APPROX. 45 MINUTES to 1 HOUR, depending upon how many of the songs you choose to use.

MUSIC

Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artist's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. If you cannot source them from amongst the school community, then Amazon sell very cheap downloadable MP3 tracks for hundreds of thousands of songs. These can be purchased, downloaded on to a computer and then burnt on to a CD for performance. Below we give the song title and source of backing tracks. Where it says "Traditional" or "Disney", this means there is no backing track we know of, but it may be in sheet music form in your school or on a children's school music compilation CD.

Suggested songs:

1/ ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU (Mariah Carey) Backing track can be purchased from :

http://www.ameritz.co.uk/backing_tracks.asp?artist=Mariah%20Carey

2/ DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY (Traditional) Backing music can be downloaded free here: http://www.carols.org.uk/deck_the_halls.htm

3/ IF I WERE NOT A CHRISTMAS ELF View a version of this song with actions on You Tube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZteaaEWdTc>

Music track can be downloaded free here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpM8hW3JnTc>

4/ THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS (special words) Download the music for free here: http://www.carols.org.uk/the_twelve_days_of_christmas.htm

5/ FROSTY THE SNOWMAN (various artistes) Backing tracks can be purchased here:

http://www.ameritz.co.uk/search_backing_tracks.asp?search=Frosty+The+Snowman

6/ RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER (incidental music and backing track) can be downloaded free from here:

http://www.carols.org.uk/rudolf_the_red_nosed_reindeer.htm

7/ JINGLE BELLS (The Potato Song) Backing track can be downloaded free from here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCCERH2aams>

8/ I'M A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CRACKER. You can purchase a very cheap CD here: <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Christmas-Children-Everywhere-Various-Artists/dp/B0002UJJIW>

9/ FOOD, GLORIOUS, FOOD (The SPROUT SONG) You can purchase a backing track here - <https://www.successfulsinging.com/backing-tracks/oliver-backing-tracks/>

10/ I WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERYDAY (*Wizard*) Backing track can be purchased from here:

http://www.ameritz.co.uk/search_backing_tracks.asp?search=I+Wish+It+Could+Be+Christmas+Everyday

11/ WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS (*traditional*) Back track can be purchased here:

http://www.ameritz.co.uk/search_backing_tracks.asp?search=We+Wish+You+A+Merry+Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY WITH SCROOGE**SCENE 1 – The night before Christmas**

Enter onto the stage a child. Scene is a Christmas living room.

CHILD

It was the night before Christmas, and All through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a MOUSE...

(Before the next line is spoken, a MOUSE carrying a cardboard piece of cheese enters from the side stage, and sits and looks at child. Child shakes head in exasperation and exit side stage.)

MOUSE

Squeak! *(MOUSE goes over to the far side of stage, holds and stares longingly at a huge piece of cheese. Speaks to audience.)* I don't want a lot for Christmas...

(CAT enters. Looks longingly at the MOUSE. CAT then creeps over to stand behind the MOUSE.)

CAT (to audience)

I don't want a lot for Christmas...

(CAT snuggles up to the MOUSE as if wanting to eat it. DOG enters and sits next to CAT. So we end up with 3 on stage. MOUSE looking at cheese, CAT looking at MOUSE, and DOG looking at CAT.)

DOG (to audience)

Oh, I won't ask a lot for Christmas...

SONG 1. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

I don't want a lot for Christmas

There is just one thing I need

I don't care about the presents

Underneath the Christmas tree

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you, yeah.

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
And I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree

I don't need to hang my stocking
There upon the fireplace
SANTA Claus won't make me happy
With a toy on Christmas Day

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

Oh, I won't ask for much this Christmas
I won't even wish for snow
And I'm just gonna keep on waiting
Underneath the mistletoe

I won't make a list and send it
To the North Pole for Saint Nick
I won't even stay awake to
Hear those magic reindeer click

'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so tight
What more can I do?
Baby, all I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

Oh, all the lights are shining
So brightly everywhere
And the sound of children's
Laughter fills the air

And everyone is singing
I hear those sleigh bells ringing
SANTA, won't you bring me the one I really need?
Won't you please bring my baby to me?

Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for
I just want to see my baby
Standing right outside my door

Oh, I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
Baby, all I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

All I want for Christmas is you, baby
All I want for Christmas is you, baby
All I want for Christmas is you, baby
All I want for Christmas is you, baby

(OLIVER enters)

OLIVER *(shouting)*

Mum! Dad! Nancy's cat is going to eat my mouse!

(NANCY enters)

NANCY

Mum! Dad! PIP's dog is going to eat my cat!

(PIP comes onto stage with MUM and DAD. All the family are wearing bright Christmas jumpers)

MUM

Children, children! Come on now, it is Christmas Eve, you should be getting ready for bed, not letting your pets run around. Go on pets – shoo, off you go!

(DOG chases CAT chases MOUSE and they exit).

DAD

Well if those grandparents of yours would just hurry up and get here, we could put up our Christmas stockings and all go to bed.

PIP

Oh Dad. I hope Uncle Ebs doesn't come with them this year, he is always so miserable.

NANCY

He is always so sad

OLIVER

He just doesn't seem to like Christmas

MUM

Pip, Oliver, Nancy, you shouldn't say things like that! Imagine if he heard you!

(The doorbell rings and DAD goes to answer it. GRANNY, GRANDPA, and UNCLE EBS enter. GRANNY and GRANDPA all excitedly, and UNCLE EBS very miserably and dragging his feet. Everyone on stage in bright Christmas jumpers, except for EBS who is in a black/grey jumper.)

GRANNY *(hugging people)*

Hello, Hello everyone, and Merry Christmas!

MUM

Hello Granny, Grandpa and Uncle Ebs! Lovely to see you all!

GRANDPA

I bet you can't wait for Father Christmas to arrive tonight.

PIP

No, we can't wait.

UNCLE EBS *(miserable)*

I don't see why I couldn't have stayed at home on my own, or opened the shop and gone to work. Earning money is far more useful than this Christmas thing.

DAD

Well then Uncle Ebs, that wouldn't be much fun would it?

(MUM and DAD shake their heads. The doorbell rings again.)

OLIVER

Ooh I wonder if that's carol singers? We haven't heard any yet tonight. How exciting.

(DAD goes to answer the door again and returns with a group of CAROL SINGERS dressed in outdoor clothes, hats, scarf, carrying lanterns)

UNCLE EBS

No, please no. Not carol singers. *(He puts his hands over his ears.)*

(The CAROL SINGERS stand in a group in the centre of the stage and sing)

SONG 2. DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la!

'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la la la la!

Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together!
Fa la la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la!

(CAROL SINGERS leave)

UNCLE EBS

Thank goodness that's over with! I particularly dislike that carol. It's so...jolly.

(he makes a face of disgust)

OLIVER

Do you like any carols, Uncle Ebs?

UNCLE EBS *(thinking)*

I don't mind "In The Bleak Midwinter". I think that's nice and depressing.

GRANNY

Oh Ebs, please cheer up! The Carol singers were marvellous! Come on now children, let's get your stockings ready! I hope you have your letters ready for

SANTA!

PIP

Oh yes, Granny, we have.

MUM

Right. Let's sort out everything and then go to bed.

(Everyone exits, leaving the stage empty.)