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## BACK IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS



Santa presses the wrong lever on his supersonic sleigh and ends up doing a Christmas Eve journey through time – with songs and dances, of course!



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CAST in order of appearance

FATHER CHRISTMAS

TINKERBELL - FATHER CHRISTMAS'S teenage daughter

ROBIN – FATHER CHRISTMAS'S sidekick

RUDOLF – FATHER CHRISTMAS'S trusty personal assistant

ELVES (at least two – non-speaking but singing)

MR UGG FLINTSTONE

MRS UGETTA FLINTSTONE

PEBBLE – their daughter

FLINT – their daughter or son

ROCKY – their son

DINOSAUR – the doorbell

MARY

JOSEPH

INN KEEPER

ANIMALS – these can be as many or as few as you need

STAR

3 WISE MEN

2 SHEPHERDS

DONKEY

THE VICTORIANS (non-speaking but singing)

21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY MOTHER

21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY FATHER

21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY CHILD 1

21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY CHILD 2

21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY CHILD 3

*(28 speaking parts. Could be 10 non-speaking but singing parts. Speaking parts can be less if some characters double up)*

## MUSIC and SPECIAL EFFECTS

*Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artiste's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. 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. Songs can be trimmed to whatever length required. Free sound effects sources are given below. Videos of the songs below can be found on You Tube for rehearsal purposes in class. We have given the relevant links.*

1. SCREECH sound effect –  
<http://soundbible.com/tags-screech.html>
2. MOVING RIGHT ALONG (The Muppets)  
<http://www.metrolyrics.com/moving-right-along-lyrics-muppets.html>  
  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=moving+right+along+youtube&view=detail&mid=0414762B8D50570222080414762B8D5057022208&FORM=VIRE>
3. TARDIS sound effect – Youtube -  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=tardis+sound+effect&view=detail&mid=A9E00A617C93806DF34DA9E00A617C93806DF34D&FORM=VIRE>
4. WE'RE THE FLINTSTONES  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HvuiNUSldI>
5. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>
6. CHURCH BELLS sound effect  
<https://freesound.org/people/InspectorJ/sounds/371267/>
7. ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK (Bill Haley) –  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgdufzXvjqw>

## BACK IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

*The stage is empty, except for FATHER CHRISTMAS' sleigh. (SEE PRODUCTION NOTES) FATHER CHRISTMAS enters to centre stage and stands by the sleigh.*

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

*(calling)* Come along then, time for lift off, we have a job to do. *(he waits. Nothing happens. He becomes impatient, looks at his watch)* I said, come along, where are you all? *(to audience)* Honestly, you can't get the staff these days.

*(ROBIN runs in, screeches to a halt – SCREECH sound effect. He is wearing an elf outfit, but he has his pants on over his tights.).*

Ah, there you are Robin! Glad you could make it. It's that time of year again and we have our job to do.

### ROBIN

What job's that, boss?

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

Oh, you know, delivering presents to all the children in the world. All in a night's work.

### ROBIN *(nods)*

Yes, your gloriousness, I'm ready for action *(he poses)*.

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

Robin, what have you come as this year?

### ROBIN

I am channelling the superhero look, Sir. *(He models his outfit)* I've come to the conclusion that if I wear my pants on the outside of my tights, I'll be more productive.

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

I see, well, let's see if it works then, shall we?

### ROBIN *(nods)*

Maybe you should try it, your highness?

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

Maybe not. And drop the "your highness" please.

ROBIN

Yes, your highness, I mean, your majesty (*FATHER CHRISTMAS scowls and shakes his head again*) I mean your marvelousness? (*FATHER CHRISTMAS shakes his head*) Your loveliness? (*FATHER CHRISTMAS considers this one*).

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Robin, you've got the job, you don't have to impress. Although I quite like the "loveliness..."

ROBIN

Right you are, sir, loveliness of loveliness!

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Let's not overdo it, shall we?

ROBIN

Right you are .... Sir.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

So, I'm ready - you're ready ... in your, ahem, pants, but where is my daughter, Tinkerbell?

ROBIN

I guess she's still in bed sir, being a teenager and all of that.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Not again. We hardly see that girl at all before midday these days. How can she sleep so much?

ROBIN

I understand she's on her phone a lot and that takes up a lot of energy.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Hmmmm.

(*TINKERBELL staggers in, yawning*)

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Ah, Tinkerbell, so you're going to grace us with your presence after all?

TINKERBELL

Oh, dad. Don't be so boring.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

As long as you're up now, can we get going, please?

TINKERBELL

Go where?

FATHER CHRISTMAS (*sighing*)

It's that time of the year again, when we deliver the presents to all the children in the world .

TINKERBELL

Of course, well, I'll just get my phone.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

I wouldn't bother. There probably won't be any reception where we are going.

TINKERBELL (*rolls her eyes and runs off stage*)

Whatever.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

All we need now our mode of transport. (*he clicks his fingers*) Rudolf! (*he clicks his fingers again*) Rudolf! (*he whistles very loudly*)

RUDOLF (*screeches in to screech sound*)

Right here, sir!

FATHER CHRISTMAS

We're ready for lift off. Is this super, duper, supersonic sleigh, ready?

RUDOLF

Serviced, MOT, taxed and ready for the road!

(*TINKERBELL returns with her phone and climbs into the sleigh*)

ROBIN

And the sky I hope?

RUDOLF (*snootily*)

For all eventualities and terrains, sir.

ROBIN

I didn't know we were going to take the *train*.

RUDOLF (*rolling eyes*)

Not the *train* sir, *terrains* as in mountains, skies and seas.

ROBIN

And you can go anywhere that you please?

RUDOLF

Quite. Ready for any kind of turbulence, sir.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

It's the Rolls Royce of sleighs!

RUDOLF

Of course, only the best for the best, Father Christmas, sir.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

And we need to ensure we get the job done and back in time for breakfast.

RUDOLF (*nods*)

Yes, sir.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

We have the vehicle, and the crew, what about the toys for the children?

ROBIN

All packed ... your loveliness.

*(ROBIN claps his hands and two ELVES come in, carrying a big sack of toys, which they put in the back of the sleigh. SEE PRODUCTION NOTES)*

TINKERBELL

Your loveliness!?

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Right, then we're ready to go! All aboard (*aside to ROBIN*) don't overdo it on the loveliness.

ROBIN (*nods*)

Understood.

TINKERBELL

Do we have to, dad? It's so cold up there! (*she points at the sky*)

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Come along, my dear, you'll love it when we get going.

*(They all get on the sleigh and settle into position. RUDOLF is in the front, driving, FATHER CHRISTMAS takes the wheel, behind him TINKERBELL sits one side and ROBIN the other.)*

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Giddy-up, Rudolf!

*(RUDOLF looks horrified at such a phrase.)*

RUDOLF

This is a super, duper, supersonic sleigh, sir! It does not respond to "giddy-up"!

FATHER CHRISTMAS

What *do* we say then, Rudolf?

RUDOLF

We speak nicely to it, sir, such as, "if you please" or "would you mind awfully".

FATHER CHRISTMAS

A vehicle that responds to politeness?

RUDOLF

Always, sir.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Then, super, duper, supersonic sleigh...if you please, would you mind awfully and *(loudly with flourish)* take it away!

*(Suddenly the sleigh lifts off, with a rushing noise and emphasised by the actors leaning back)*

ALL

Woah!

*(They sit back in a normal position for SONG)*



## SONG 1. MOVING RIGHT ALONG

Movin' right along in search of good times and good news,  
 With good friends you can't lose,  
 This could become a habit!  
 Opportunity knocks once let's reach out and grab it (yeah!),  
 Together we'll nab it,  
 We'll hitchhike, bus or yellow cab it!  
 (Cab it?)

Movin' right along.  
 Footloose and fancy-free.  
 Getting there is half the fun; come share it with me.  
 Moving right along (doog-a-doon doog-a-doon).  
 We'll learn to share the load.  
 We don't need a map to keep this show on the road.

Movin' right along,  
 We've found a life on the highway.  
 And your way is my way,  
 So trust my navigation.

Christmas here we come, the pie-in-the-sky-land.  
 Palm trees, and warm sand.  
 Though sadly we just left Lapland.  
 (We did what?!)  
 (Just forget it.)

Movin' right along (doog-a-doon doog-a-doon).  
 Hey LL, where've you gone?  
 Send someone to fetch us, were in Saskatchewan!

Movin' right along (doog-a-doon doog-a-doon).  
 You take it, you know best.  
 Hey, I've never seen the sun come up in the West?

Movin' right along.  
 We're truly birds of a feather,  
 We're in this together and we know where we're going.  
 Movie stars with flashy cars and life with the top down.  
 We're storming the big town,  
 (Yeah, Storm is right should it be snowing?)  
 (Uh, no I don't think so...)

Movin' right along,  
 Do I see signs of men?  
 Yeah, "welcome" on the same post that says "come back again."  
 Moving right along, nice town!

Footloose and fancy-free,  
You're ready for the big time...  
Is it ready for me?

Movin' right along,  
Movin' right along,  
Movin' right along,  
Movin' right along

*(SONG ends. APPLAUSE)*

*(After SONG they settle into a gentle sway, ROBIN looking around and over the edge, TINKERBELL on her phone. FATHER CHRISTMAS falls asleep. As he does so, he leans on the controls. SEE PRODUCTION NOTES)*

TINKERBELL

Are we nearly there yet?

ALL

NO!

TINKERBELL

Watch out, dad! You're leaning on the controls!

FATHER CHRISTMAS *(waking up suddenly)*

So I am. *(flustered)* Oh dear! I seem to have accidentally pressed something. There are lights flashing!

*(ALL the cast on the sleigh including RUDOLF pull back and start bobbing around. The TARDIS sound effect is played. Lighting effects if possible. EVERYONE starts yelling things like Help! What's happening? And so on.)*

FATHER CHRISTMAS

I think we're going *back* in time!

ALL

Oh no!

*(They fall forward and pull back again in their seats to show that they have come down to land. TARDIS sound stops. TINKERBELL's phone has turned into a brick. SEE PRODUCTION NOTES)*

TINKERBELL

Look! My phone's been bricked! *(tech joke)*

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Thank goodness it's stopped! We've definitely gone back in time then?

*(During the TARDIS sound effect, a sign saying "E Stonia" with an arrow has been put on side of stage and a DINOSAUR has curled up at the front of the stage. A 'wooden club' is next to him. SEE PRODUCTION NOTES.)*

ROBIN *(pointing at sign)*

What does that say?

TINKERBELL *(reading)*

E Stonia *(pronounced Eee Stoneeah)*

ROBIN

E Stonia? What's that?

FATHER CHRISTMAS

It must be a place. Look, there's an arrow, lets follow it.

*(ALL get off the sleigh)*