



Scene 1

(The whole cast enters and is on stage for the opening song.)

Song 1 – Primary School Christmas Musical *(CD Track 10, lyrics p18)* *(Whole cast)*

(Play the backing track to song 1 again (CD Track 10) as all sit. Fade the music when ready. 4 'empty' display boards stand at the back of the stage – see staging suggestions. On stage is an arrangement of chairs to represent a staffroom. Headteacher, Miss Bright, stands in front of the stage. She can use cue cards for this and further addresses to the audience.)

Miss Bright Good evening everyone. My name is Miss Bright, Headteacher, and I'd like to welcome you all to our school's Christmas musical. I guarantee you're in for a real treat! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to put this show together, and I know they've found it a thoroughly enjoyable experience.....
(pausing, ignoring cue cards)..... Actually, that's not entirely true! There have been one or two ups and downs.....in fact that's not entirely true either – there have been **lots** of ups and downs, which all began way back in September.....

(We hear a Harp (CD Track 11) signifying a journey back in time. Miss Bright sits on the middle chair on stage. 10-20 other teachers, as your numbers allow, enter and sit either side of her, creating a visible divide between KS1 and KS2 staff.)

Miss Bright Well, that's all the items on the agenda dealt with. Is there any other business? *(Mrs Jolly raises her hand.)* Yes, Mrs Jolly.

Mrs Jolly There is the matter of this year's Christmas play. I know it's early in the term, but it would be useful to decide what we'll be doing. I myself, Mr Keen and Miss Swift here, do have a few ideas.

Mr Keen Yes, we've still got summer tans, and Christmas seems ages away, but it wouldn't hurt to start planning the production now.

Miss Swift I agree, Mr Keen. It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas. I've already bought my presents, and my decorations will be going up no later than October half term!

Mrs Curtly Well I don't care what you decide, as long as we in Key Stage 1 don't have to do it again. Year after year of 'Away In A Manger' is starting to grate a little! Don't you agree Mr Short?

Mr Short I do Mrs Curtly. It's not helped by the fact that even at the end of Year 2 most of the little dears still don't have a grasp of melody! I don't think I can stand another term of their squealing!

(The other KS1 teachers murmur their agreement.)

Mrs Jolly *(gesturing towards the KS2 staff)* So why not let us in Key Stage 2 handle things this year? I know we'd all relish the opportunity, wouldn't we Miss Swift?

Miss Swift Indeed we would! I'm already quite excited about the prospect!

(The other KS2 teachers murmur their disapproval, in particular Mr Thorn and Miss Picket)

Mr Thorn Woah! Just hang on a minute! What about the extra work it'll create? Finding costumes and props, making scenery, sitting through excruciating auditions and excruciating rehearsals!

Miss Picket We don't have the time in Key Stage 2 to do a Christmas show!

Mr Keen But Mr Thorn, Miss Picket, if we do a nativity musical we'll have most of the things we need in school already!

Mrs Jolly And with the Key Stage 2 children involved, it'll be a nativity with a bit of glitz! It'll be a lot more 'showbiz' than the run-of-the-mill productions we usually see at Christmas!

KS1 Staff Oh! Thanks a lot!

Mrs Curtly Go ahead then, be our guests. At least there are plenty of wigs in the costume cupboard for when you've all pulled your hair out!

Mr Short *(laughing mockingly)* Well, I for one think it's a great idea – a Key Stage 2 nativity! It's revolutionary! Oh, *(to all the KS2 teachers)* and good luck you lot.....you'll need it.

(Mr Short and the rest of the KS1 teachers snigger, while Mrs Jolly, Mr Keen and Miss Swift give encouraging smiles to their nervous KS2 colleagues!)

Song 2 – Let's Get This Show On The Road *(CD Track 12, lyrics p19)*
(All Teachers, supported by whole cast)

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