

HOW CHRISTMAS CAME TO BE

Character Information for

37 speaking parts in order of appearance

(The cast size can be easily reduced or increased – suggestions as to how are included in the script.)

* A 'line' is defined here as each time a character speaks - usually between one and five actual lines of text each time.

🎵 No characters have singing solos or duets in this production. There are, however, plenty of opportunities for characters to sing solos/duets if you choose.

Speaking character	No. of lines *	In which scenes	Costume suggestions
Rudolph	13	All	A red nose, a reindeer 'onesie' or brown top, leggings and antlers.
Gabriel	14	All	Traditional nativity angel costume, with wings and halo.
Charles Dickens	10	All	Victorian look – bow-tie, waistcoat and jacket. Long goatee beard.
Erika Winterbörn	9	All	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap.
Festivius Maximus	10	All	Roman toga, laurel crown and red cloak.
Senilius	11	1	Roman toga and red cloak. White beard.
Tipsius	6	1	Plain brown or grey tunic.
Violentia	2	1	Armour breast plate over a white tunic. Greaves and a helmet.
Bratius	2	1	Plain brown or grey tunic.
Moodica	2	1	Plain brown or grey tunic.
Lavatoria	1	1	Long, belted purple dress, tiara and jewellery.
Olaf	6	2	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap.
Astrid	5	2	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap. Hair in plaits.
Cow 1	1	2	Cow 'onesie' or brown/black & white, leggings and a mask or horns.
Cow 2	1	2	Cow 'onesie' or brown/black & white, leggings and a mask or horns.
Cow 3	1	2	Cow 'onesie' or brown/black & white, leggings and a mask or horns.
Mary	1	3	Traditional nativity outfit
Joseph	1	3	Traditional nativity outfit
A Donkey	1	3	Donkey 'onesie' or grey top, leggings and a mask
An Angel	1	3	Traditional nativity outfit
A Shepherd	1	3	Traditional nativity outfit
A Wise Man	1	3	Traditional nativity outfit
Soldier 1	6	4	Cromwellian soldier – boots, tunic over wide/long collared shirt and helmet.
Soldier 2	5	4	Cromwellian soldier – boots, tunic over wide/long collared shirt and helmet.
Soldier 3	5	4	Cromwellian soldier – boots, tunic over wide/long collared shirt and helmet.
Reveller 1	2	4	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Reveller 2	2	4	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Reveller 3	1	4	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Reveller 4	1	4	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Prince Albert	7	5	Bow-tie, waistcoat, tailcoat and top hat. Bushy side-boards.
Child 1	2	5	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and

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			jacket (if boy).
Child 2	2	5	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and jacket (if boy).
Child 3	2	5	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and jacket (if boy).
Queen Victoria	3	5	Black dress (padded-out), lace collar and her iconic headdress and crown.
Santa	5	6	Vest and pants to start, then traditional costume.
Mrs Santa	6	6	Grandmotherly floral dress and shawl.
Wok Ho	7	6	Think Gok Wan - sharp suit, black-rimmed glasses and a quiff.

Non-speaking characters	In which scenes	Costume suggestions
Poor and wealthy Romans	1	Togas and tunics.
Female gladiators	1	Togas, minimal armour and swords.
Norsemen and women	2	Viking tunics and helmets. Fur shawls or wraps.
Traditional Nativity characters	3	Cloaks, headdresses, halos, wings etc etc.
Puritans and revellers	4	Tunics and cloaks.
Victorians	5	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and jacket (if boy).
A team of reindeer	6	Reindeer 'onesies' or brown top, leggings and antlers.
Santa's elves	6	Green lederhosen-style shorts, tights and pointy hat