

# BETHLEHEM, BETHLEHEM

(You're In The Story!)

Dialogue during the introduction:

**GUIDE** Sounding good, Ben!

**RES. 1** Flippin' racket!

**DAD 1** We're obviously in Bethlehem, but where are we supposed to go?

**RES. 2** Can you play *Bohemian Rhapsody*?

**Solo**

1 Bethlehem, Bethlehem,  
Say 'Hello' to Bethlehem,  
Little town, hidden gem,  
You're in the story!

**All**

2 Bethlehem, Bethlehem,  
Proud to be a citizen,  
Spare a coin, help a friend,  
You're in the story!

3 INSTRUMENTAL

4 Bethlehem, Bethlehem,  
Have yourself a great weekend,  
Take a break, come again,  
You're in the story!  
You're in the story!

## TO HOSPITALITY!

**Chairperson (Spoken solo)**

1 I'd like us to consider our agenda,  
'The Census' being item number one.

**(Sung)**

I fear we have a bit of a dilemma,  
Our town is fast becoming overrun.

Dialogue between verses 1 & 2

**MARTHA** We can't get rid of them, they **have** to be here.

**ANNA** That's true, so we could choose to make their time here  
as pleasant as possible.

**RES. 1** We could open up our homes and hearts and make new friends.  
You know, practise hospitality. We're good at that here!

**RES. 4** Or we could be cold-hearted and continue to treat them like outsiders.

**CHAIR.** Order! Order!

**Residents**

2 Our streets and homes will soon be filled with strangers,  
Our way of life is threatened while they're here.  
You don't need me to point out all the dangers,  
The challenges are evidently clear.

**CHORUS** *But this is Bethlehem and we will welcome them,  
No matter where they're from or how they seem.  
We'll do the most we can to be the best of friends,  
So here's a toast to hospitality,  
To hospitality!*

**Innkeepers and wives**

3 Our visitors are very good for business,  
So we'll provide a service with a smile.  
There'll be no end of washing extra dishes  
And queues to use the loos will go for miles.

**CHORUS**

**All**

4 Our town is not the biggest or the greatest,  
We haven't got the glamour or the glitz.  
We're not the place to come to buy the 'latest',  
We'd never host a party for the rich.  
You wouldn't put us on your bucket list!

**CHORUS x 2**

*Hey!*

## O HOLY NIGHT

(Stars Have Come Out)

**Solo**

1 Little town of Bethlehem,  
Tonight while you're asleep  
The skies above and all creation  
Wait expectantly.

**CHORUS**

*O holy night,  
Stars have come out  
Over Bethlehem.  
God will come to you  
With the fullness of heaven.*

**All**

2 Little town of Bethlehem,  
No eye has ever seen,  
No ear has heard nor heart imagined  
All that you'll receive.

**CHORUS**

3 Little town of Bethlehem  
Where earth and heaven meet,  
From you will come the One and Only,  
Every eye will see.

**CHORUS**

*O holy night,  
O holy night,  
Solo  
God will come to you  
With the fullness of heaven.*

# KNOCK AT THE DOOR

**Visitors**

1 Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
Is there anywhere for us to stay?  
Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
We've been travelling for many days.

**Innkeepers**

2 Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
Can't I even get a minute's peace?  
Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
What I'd give to get a decent sleep!

**CHORUS All**

*It's been such a difficult journey  
Just to get to Bethlehem.  
What a rush! We should have left earlier,  
but you try telling them!*

**Visitors**

3 Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
You should see the blisters on my feet.  
Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
Now the queues are halfway up the street.

**Innkeepers**

4 Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
It's the only thing I've heard today.  
Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
How I hate to turn the guests away.

**CHORUS**

5 Repeat verse 1

6 Repeat verse 2

## GET IN LINE!

**Visitors**

1A This here census  
Drives me senseless,  
It's a waste of space and time.  
What it's cost us,  
Weeks it's lost us,  
All because of census time!

**Soldiers (Group 1)**

1B A to G,  
H to P,  
Q to Y,  
GET IN LINE!  
(Repeat)

**Soldiers (Group 2)**

2A Make this nation  
Pay taxation,  
Make them toe the Roman line.  
We've no patience  
With these vagrants,  
They will learn to GET IN LINE!

**Soldiers (Group 3)**

2B Write your name,  
Date of birth,  
What you're worth,  
On the dotted line!  
(Repeat)

Repeat 1A and 2B together

Repeat 2A and 1B together

# KNOCK AT THE DOOR

(Mary & Joseph)

## Mary and Joseph

- 1 Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
We can see that you're a busy man.  
Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
Please accommodate us if you can.

## Caleb

- A What a terrible din!  
There's no room in the inn,  
Don't you know what the time is?  
You're disturbing the peace,  
Must I call the police?  
We're full up for the night!

*Repeat 1 & A together*

## Mary and Joseph

- 2 Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
Is there anywhere for us to stay?  
Knock, knock, knock at the door,  
We've a baby who is on the way.

## Martha

- B It's a terrible shame  
They have nowhere to stay,  
I can see that they're desperate.  
What's a girl s'posed to do  
When her baby is due?  
They need somewhere tonight.

*Repeat 2 & B together*

## Caleb and Martha

- C We'll not turn you away,  
You can sleep on the hay  
Round the back in the stable.  
We'll do all that we can,  
Let me give you a hand,  
You'll be safe for the night.

# WISE MEN

## Wise men

- 1 We've travelled miles and many days,  
We've come from very far away.

### All

We're looking for the baby King.

### Wise men

We're following a guiding star,  
It's brighter than the rest by far.

### All

We're on our way to worship Him.

## Wise men

- 2 We're said to be the wisest men,  
We're headed up to Bethlehem.

### All

We're looking for the baby King.

### Wise men

We've gold and frankincense and myrrh,  
These special gifts we're taking there.

### All

We're on our way to worship Him.

## CHORUS

*Wise men knew of all the prophecies  
About a coming King.  
Wise men studied in astronomy  
That led the way to Him.*

- 3 *Repeat verse 1*

## CHORUS (with harmony)

- 4 *Repeat verse 2*

## CHORUS x 2 (with harmony)

# THE LOVE OF GOD HAS COME SOMEBODY JUST TOLD ME

## Stars

- 1 A star shone on a stable,  
Dark was kissed with light,  
And all of heaven's fullness  
Was born in Jesus Christ.  
Little town of Bethlehem  
Receive the gift of life;  
The love of God has come to you tonight.

## Angels

- 2 A baby in a manger,  
Mary by His side,  
And all of heaven's angels  
Marvelled at the sight.  
Little town of Bethlehem  
Receive the gift of life;  
The love of God has come to you tonight.

## Stars and angels

- 3 A seed of love was given,  
Earth embraced divine,  
And all of God's forever  
Revealed itself in time.  
Little town of Bethlehem  
Receive the gift of life;  
The love of God has come to you tonight.

INSTRUMENTAL *for ribbon dance*

Little town of Bethlehem  
Receive the gift of life;  
The love of God has come to you tonight.

## CHORUS

*Somebody just told me there was a baby  
And we thought that maybe they might need some help.  
Somebody just told me Joseph and Mary  
Were out in the stable all night.  
(Repeat first time it's sung)*

## Group 1

- 1A We've got a blanket  
To keep the baby warm.  
We've got a lantern  
To shine until the dawn.

## Group 2

- 1B We've got, we've got a blanket  
To keep them warm.  
We've got, we've got a lantern  
To shine till dawn.

## CHORUS with 1A and 1B

## CHORUS

## Group 1

- 2A We've got a hamper  
With lots of food to eat.  
We've baked some cookies  
And made a cup of tea.

## Group 2

- 2B We've got, we've got a hamper  
With food to eat.  
We've baked, we've baked some cookies  
And made some tea.

## CHORUS with 2A and 2B

# GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

- 1 Glory be to God on high, we'll sing hallelujah,  
Glory be to God on high and peace on earth.  
Heaven sent us here to bring a great message to ya.  
We're here to tell you of the Saviour's birth.

**CHORUS** *Good news! Good news!  
It's for you and everyone to share in the story.  
Good news! Good news!  
Tell everybody that His love has come!*

*Repeat song twice (with harmony)*

**CHORUS** *(with harmony)  
Tell everybody that His love has come!*

# LET'S GET GOING

*Split the children into two groups for the verses (Gp 1 and Gp 2)*

- 1 **Gp 1** Everybody better hurry,  
**Gp 2** Get a move on!  
**Gp 1** Everybody better hurry,  
**Gp 2** Look alive!  
**Gp 1** Everybody better hurry,  
**Gp 2** Put your shoes on!  
**Gp 1** Everybody better hurry,  
**Gp 2** Punch the sky!

**CHORUS** *Let's get going off to Bethlehem,  
See the baby lying in a manger.  
Let's get going, we can welcome Him,  
'Christ the Lord, a Saviour born'  
We heard the angels sing!*

*(With harmony)*

- 2 **Gp 1** Angel voices celebrating,  
**Gp 2** Hallelujah!  
**Gp 1** Angel voices celebrating  
**Gp 2** Filled the sky!  
**Gp 1** Angel voices celebrating  
**Gp 2** He's the Saviour!  
**Gp 1** Angel voices celebrating  
**Gp 2** God on high!

**CHORUS**

- 3 **INSTRUMENTAL** *for dance*

**CHORUS**

*(With harmony)*

- 4 **Gp 1** We just got a glimpse of heaven,  
**Gp 2** What a story!  
**Gp 1** We just got a glimpse of heaven,  
**Gp 2** What a sight!  
**Gp 1** We just got a glimpse of heaven,  
**Gp 2** Full of glory!  
**Gp 1** We just got a glimpse of heaven,  
**Gp 2** What a night!