

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

A Christmas Play with Music

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CAST

James
Tomorrow Fairy
Brother Elf
Three Wise Men
Chief Fairy
Kevin

Choruses of Elves and Fairies

SETS

1. *The Open Road*
2. *Elves' Workshop*
3. *The Open Road*
4. *Fairies' Finishing School*
5. *Kevin's Laboratory*
6. *The Open Road*

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Music arranged by Janice Rhodes

SONG - CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

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You see that everyone's having fun.
Greetings to everyone.
Carnival has begun.
Christmas time is here.*

*Come and join us in the fun.
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All the boys and girls are glad.
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(Exit Cast, leaving one Boy dressed in pyjamas, carrying his teddy).

James: Oh hello my name's James have you heard the news? There's this new baby just been born, in a far off place a special baby Well I'm going to find him, I am I'm going right now do you want to come too? You do? Well then, what are we waiting for? Let's go there's just one thing I'm not sure which way to go hmmm Ah, I know just the person to ask The Tomorrow Fairy come on.

(JAMES finds the TOMORROW FAIRY sitting knitting. She is a large, cuddly figure, nothing like you would expect a fairy to be).

T'Fairy: Hello James, what do you want?

James: Directions please.

T'Fairy: Oh where to?

James: I don't know.

T'Fairy: That's a great help.

James: No, no, have you heard about the new baby?

T'Fairy: Which one is that?

James: The special one.

T'Fairy: Ah, that one.

James: That's the one; well I'm going to see him.

T'Fairy: Hmm?

James: That's why I want directions.

T'Fairy: It's a long way off.

James: I don't care.

T'Fairy: Bethlehem.

James: Er is that anywhere near? *[Fill in a name of your choice].*
Will I get there by tomorrow?

T'Fairy: Now now James, don't get so excited. Sit down and listen.

SONG - TOMORROW NEVER COMES

*Do not worry, do not sigh,
See the answer's in the sky.
For the baby it does glow,
On the right track you must go.*

*Take your time and do not rush,
You will not get there by bus.
But the truth is plain to see
And you know you can trust me.*

*Nothing's ever as it seems,
Thrills and spills are found in dreams.
Just remember that time runs
And tomorrow never comes.*

James: What do you mean, tomorrow never comes?

T'Fairy: Well when tomorrow comes, it's always today.

James: Eh?

T'Fairy: Oh don't you worry about it. Look, can you see that star?

James: Er which one are we looking at exactly?

T'Fairy: The brightest one.

James: Yes?

T'Fairy: Just follow that.

James: Are you sure?

T'Fairy: Positive.

James: Right, I will and thanks 'bye

(Exit T'FAIRY to tune of "Tomorrow never comes". JAMES hears the sound of knocking and sawing and he sees a sign saying ELVES ENTERPRISE ZONE. As he enters, his eyes light up).

James: TOYS WOW!

Brother Elf: Ow do young man. I'm Brother Elf, shop steward and chief roller skate maker.

James: Good heavens what's going on here?

SONG - ELVES CHORUS

*This is the way that we do things around here,
Everything nicely is our policy.
Keeping it simple and keeping it easy,
Making the presents for you and for me.*

*Sandpaper, rafia, rubber and plastic,
Hammers and nails and pieces of wood.
We can make anything out of elastic,
Make you a thingumybob if we could.*

*We'll keep on working at making the presents,
Only a few more are needed today.
Then we'll have finished and we can have supper
Somethiong smells good, hope it is anyway.*

*Haven't a clue why we're making the presents,
Just keep on working hard every day.
"Soon you will realise it has been worth it,"
That's what the man in the red coat did say.*

James: Just look at all these toys can I play with some?

B'Elf: Er no not just now, they haven't been through quality control yet.

James: Why are you making them?

B'Elf: Er don't know really.

James: Why don't you know?

B'Elf: Don't know you see, a couple of days ago, a chap popped in here. Said he was a small businessman and did we want to get rich? making toys for all the girls and boys?

James: Why?

B'Elf: Don't know, he didn't say but he seemed to know what he was talking about and look, he gave me this watch said it would help with the time-keeping.

James: Hmm.

B'Elf: Anyway, where are you going?

James: I'm going to find the special baby; have you heard?

B'Elf: Oh yes, the man in the red coat did mention it.

James: Well, I can't lose any more time, I have to go.

B'Elf: Yes yes, you must and give him our best wishes.

James: I will, 'bye.

Elves: 'Bye.

(JAMES leaves and soon arrives at a crossroads, but he is puzzled by the signpost which reads: "THIS WAY". "THAT WAY". "THE OTHER WAY". "ANOTHER WAY").

James: That's no help at all. *(Enter the THREE WISE MEN carrying maps and compasses).*

James: Excuse me, I wonder if you can help.

Wise Man 1: Of course

Wise Man 2: young man

Wise Man 3: What is it?

Wise Man 1: Tell us your problem

Wise Man 2: do

Wise Man 3: And then

Wise Man 1: if we

Wise Man 2: can help

Wise Man 3: we'll do

Wise Man 1: our best
Wise Man 2: for you.
James: I want to find the special baby.
Wise Man 1/2/3: Aha.
Wise Man 1: We too
Wise Man 2: are hoping
Wise Man 3: to find
Wise Man 1: the little lad.
Wise Man 2: And when
Wise Man 3: we do
Wise Man 1: we know that
Wise Man 2: we three
Wise Man 3: will all
Wise Man 1/2/3: be glad.
James: (*pointing to the sign*). But this is no use, it doesn't say which way to go.
Wise Man 1: Ah well
Wise Man 2: we think
Wise Man 3: it's this way.
James: How do you know? Please tell crumbs, I'm beginning to sound like them now.
Wise Man 1: We saw
Wise Man 2: a sign
Wise Man 3: up in the sky.
Wise Man 1: A star
Wise Man 2: to show
Wise Man 3: the way.
Wise Man 1: The star
Wise Man 2: it says
Wise Man 3: go there.
Wise Man 1/2/3: So we'll be on our way 'bye. (*They exit*).
James: Hmm, I'm not sure they are going the right way.
(*He leaves in a different direction and sees a sign saying "FAIRY FINISHING SCHOOL" He hears a Voice giving instruction*).
Chief Fairy: Now gels, on your toes heads up chins out wave your wands and

TUNE - FAIRIES FINISHING TUNE

(*The FAIRIES do a dance routine to the tune and when they have finished, JAMES comes forward and claps*).

Chief Fairy: Hello.

James: Hello, what are you doing this for?

Chief Fairy: We don't know we haven't been told the man just said

James: Er, this man, he didn't have a long white beard and a red coat did he?

Chief Fairy: That's right, do you know him?

(Suddenly, there is a loud bang, the fairies scream and run off. A person (KEVIN) wearing a white lab coat appears, his face is blackened and he is coughing).

SONG - CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Kevin: *Oh goodness me, what have I done?
The thing went off just like a bomb.
It wasn't meant to go like that,
Oh what a silly man.*

Chorus: *You could have blown us all sky high.
We want to know the reason why.
What is this thing you try to make?
And what is it all for?*

Kevin: *Well in the end I failed the test.
It all went wrong, I did my best.
I'll try again to get it right
In time for Christmas Day.*

James: Who are you?

Kevin: I'm Kevin, the Christmas cracker creator I think I put too much powder in that one here, what do you get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?

James: Pardon?

Kevin: A woolly jumper!

James: What?

Kevin: Many a true word spoken in jest.

James: Eh?

Kevin: Too many cooks spoil the broth.

James: What are you talking about?

Kevin: Marry in haste, regret at leisure.

James: Pardon?

Kevin: Why did the chicken cross the road? Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today there's no fool like an old f

James: Stop stop stop

Kevin: Oh sorry, I get quite carried away at times.

James: You should be

Kevin: No you see it's these little bits of paper. I have to put one in each cracker they each have a saying written on them. That last bang destroyed most of them though destroyed the cracker too and my eyebrows, I don't know why he asked me to make them

James: Chap with a long white beard and a red coat?

Kevin: That's right, do you know him who is he?

James: You'll find out soon enough. Which way did he go? (*KEVIN points vaguely in one direction*).

James: Right thanks, cheerio. (*JAMES meets the WISE MEN again*).

Wise Man 1: Well well

Wise Man 2: young man

Wise Man 3: where have

Wise Man 1: you been?

Wise Man 2: We thought

Wise Man 3: that you were lost.

James: No I er decided to take a different route. (*As they speak the whole cast assembles on stage*).

Wise Man 1: Aha!

Wise Man 2: Aha!

Wise Man 3: young man, we do know best.

Wise Man 1: We told you

Wise Man 2: but you went East

Wise Man 3: when we said to go West.

James: I know, I know.

Wise Man 1: Oh well

Wise Man 2: do not worry

Wise Man 1: the special boy is found

Wise Man 2: and he will help us in our plans

Wise Man 3: so make a happy sound.

James: Everybody sing!

(*Enter THE TOMORROW FAIRY and KEVIN the CHRISTMAS CRACKER CREATOR*).

T''Fairy: Stop ... stop!

Kevin: Look before you leap.

T''Fairy: Stop ... you're forgetting one thing.

James: What?

Kevin: He who laughs last

James: What is he going on about?

T''Fairy: I don't know Kevin

Kevin: Yes?

T''Fairy: There is no fool like an old fool!

Kevin: Very true is that. *(He isn't sure if the remark is aimed at him or not and wanders off, scratching his head).*

James: Now, what were you saying?

T''Fairy: I was saying that you are all getting very excited about nothing.

James: Nothing excited about nothingdo you know what day it is tomorrow?

Whole Cast: *(loudly).* CHRISTMAS DAY.

T''Fairy: But you are all forgetting the one thing I told you.

James: What was that?

T''Fairy: That tomorrow never comes.

Whole Cast: *(even louder).* OH YES IT DOES AT CHRISTMAS!

James: Everybody sing.

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