

God Sent a Baby?

A Christmas musical in one act

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Why a baby?

Jesus takes the human journey. How can we follow in His footsteps if we have never seen him crawl? What if he just showed up fully human and said, "Put me on the cross, I am willing to die." Instead we see Him in the manger, at the temple and growing up. Fully human and fully God.

Props & Costumes:

Children playing the farm animals should have a mask and a tail. Children playing the shepherds should have robes and a staff. Wise men should be dressed in beautiful robes with headpieces and carry what looks like gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary and Joseph should be dressed as you would imagine, in robes and headpieces.

The play starts in a park. When the scene changes to the stable at the first blackout, you can leave the props you used for the park on the stage and just add the stable set pieces which should include the manger, some hay and maybe some fencing. You will need a pillow that Mary will use to look pregnant and a baby doll.

Characters:

Mary, Joseph, three wise men, as many as three shepherds and farm animals that need to include a sheep and three cows if possible as well as other typical farm animals. The named characters such as Samuel, Harris, Sarah etc., will be the ones playing the animals, wise men, shepherds and Mary and Joseph.

(Samuel walks in with other characters)

Samuel: I'm so very tired, I feel like I'm 60 years old.

Lindsey: Yeah, you do look tired.

Sarah: Are you coming down with a cold?

Samuel: No, I had a dream and my dream lasted ALL night.

Sarah: Sometimes I don't like dreams.

Harris: Nightmares give me a fright.

Samuel: No, this was a good dream. It was about a king!

And it ended with a song that everyone learned to sing!

Lindsey: Samuel had a dream! Everyone gather around.

Samuel: Yes, let me tell you the story, how it ended with a crown. We were all farm animals living in a stable.

Joe: Wait, wait, this sounds like a ridiculous fable.

Children freeze then lights Black Out.

Children add facemasks and tales. stable props are brought in. Animals sounds are played. Note: Later in the play when the lights come back on after Jesus is My Superhero, the children and the stage should look exactly as the stage at this Black Out.

Craig: How can this be, that we are here?

Lindsey: Sarah are you a sheep? baa

Harris are you a deer? (Moo! She looks annoyed because Lindsey can't tell

she's a cow.)

Samuel: Yes, Yes! this **IS** my dream and you may be scared. You will witness how God's Way was prepared.

This is the greatest love story ever told. (murmur among the animals) Hey, Listen up, as these miraculous events unfold.

Hey Listen Up

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

(Spoken) Heard Word – Heard Word

Person 1 whispers in ear of person 2

Person 2 starts:

Augustus sent everyone to their own town He wanted to count all the people around

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word
Town Around Town Around

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow з Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

Person 2 whispers to person 3

Person 3: Everyone give a cheer

Mary and Joseph will soon be here

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word

Town Around Town Around

Cheer Here Cheer Here

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow з Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

Person 3 whispers to person 4

Person 4: Everyone give them a grin

They couldn't find a room at the inn

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word

Town Around Town Around Cheer Here Cheer Here

Grin Inn Grin Inn

Mary and Joseph come in as they are repeating the rhyming words. Mary is pregnant.

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

Person 4 whispers to person 5

Person 5: Stay awake don't miss a thing

The Shepherds are here to praise and sing

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word

Town Around Town Around Cheer Here Cheer Here

Grin Inn Grin Inn

Thing Sing Thing Sing

At Sing lights go out. Mary takes out pillow. Mary holds Jesus..

Lights on:

Person 5 spoken to audience at music cue:

I bet you wish it was that easy....

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

Person 5 whispers to person 6

Person 6: In this Stable? I think maybe -

This is the place for Mary's baby?

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word

Town Around Town Around Cheer Here Cheer Here

Grin Inn Grin Inn

Thing Sing Thing Sing

Maybe Baby Maybe Baby!

Wise Men walk in from the back and down center aisle (if possible) one could be playing an egg shaker, and one could be leading a camel that is made out of wood but all three should be holding their frankincense, myrrh and gold and singing: **God Sent a Baby**

God Sent a Baby

Shepherds and Animals: A baby? A baby?

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Shep & Anim: He's my Savior? (still questioning)

Wise Men: God sent a baby.

Shep & Anim: He's my Savior (believing)

Wise Men: God sent a baby.

Everyone: He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r! (building)

He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r! (excited)

He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r! He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r! Everyone: He was born just like me
God sent a baby
He will walk and talk just like me
Can I hold the baby?

Shep & Anim: A baby A baby

Wise Men: God sent a baby. (matter of fact)

Shep & Anim: A baby A baby

Wise Men: God sent a baby. (matter of fact)

Shep & Anim: My Messiah

Wise Men: God sent a baby

Shep & Anim: My Messiah

Wise Men: God sent a baby

Everyone: He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h! He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h! He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h! He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h!

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Everyone: Good News of Great Joy

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Joseph: How can it be that the Lord choose me?

Mary: How can it be that the Lord choose me?

I knew one day I wanted to be a mother, But a mother to a king is

like no other.

Joseph: I always knew I'd be a dad

but raising a Savior may turn out sad.

Shepherd 1: The angel said to call you Jesus

Shepherd 2: I know that you were sent to free us.

Shepherd 3: From a world of sin that causes separation from God.

Shepherd 4: But a baby Savior seems rather odd.

Mary: I promise to raise you and see you through

On this journey you were destined to

Joseph: You will walk among those who have no friend.

Help them and guide them to be born again.

Mary: And on that day when our journey here ends.

We will be in heaven with Jesus, our true friend.

Mary and Joseph together: All because you were sent to us, Our sweet baby boy, our Savior, our Jesus.

Superhero

Joseph: Jesus you're my Superhero
The Shepherd's words seem oh so strange.
Who could have guessed that Superheros
Need to have their diapers changed.

Jesus you're my Superhero
I look at you and love grows strong.
And as you grow I'll keep you safe.
I know that I won't have you long.

Mary: Gabriel asked I said okayI could have said there is no way.I could have turned and walked away from you,Something I could never do.

I hold you and I love you so
I never want to let you go.
I never want to see you stray from me,
Something that will never be.

(Joseph and Mary sing together but two different verses) Joseph: (while Mary is singing):

Jesus you're my Superhero
The Shepherd's words seem oh so strange.
Who could guess that Superheros
Need to have their diapers changed.

Mary: (while Joseph is singing):

Gabriel asked I said OK I could have said there is no way. I could have turned and walked away from you, Something I could never do.

Shepherds and Animals (by themselves):

Good News, Good News, He is born! Good News, Good News, He is born! Great joy spread the word!

(Mary, Joseph and Shepherds all together) Joseph: (with Mary, shepherds and animals)

Jesus you're my Superhero
I look at you and love grows strong.
And as you grow I'll keep you safe.
I know that I won't have you long.

Mary: (with Joseph, shepherds and animals)

I hold you and I love you so
I never want to let you go.
I never want to see you stray from me,
Something that will never be.

Shepherds and Animals (with Mary and Joseph)

Good News, Good News, He is born! Good News, Good News, He is born! Great joy spread the word!

Black Out

All actors leave stage except actors from the first scene. Those actors take off their costume expect their tales. All props are removed so that stage looks just like opening scene.

Michelle: Wow, could that have happened? Could that have all been true?

Harris: Samuel what is that? That right behind you? (Points to tail on his back)

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Samuel: (He sees his tail) Well look at that - and you've got one too.

(Everyone notices their tails.)

Lucy: So, it was true.

Abby: Yes, it was true, we were there!

Carla: Nothing in my life will ever compare.

Luke: To be in His presence is just the sweetest.

Joshua: And we got to witness the birth of Jesus.

Kate: I wish I could have told Mary and Joseph things would turn out

alright.

Samuel: Yes, and to think it started off as a Silent Night.

All actors come back on stage to sing Silent Night

Silent Night

- 1. Silent night, Holy night
 All is calm and all is bright
 Round yon virgin, mother and child
 Holy infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, Holy night
 Shepherds quake at the sight
 Glories streams from heaven afar
 Heavenly hosts sing, alleluia
 Christ the savior is born,
 Christ the savior is born.
- 3. Silent night, Holy night!
 All is calm and all is bright
 Round yon virgin, mother and child
 Holy infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

The End

Hey Listen Up

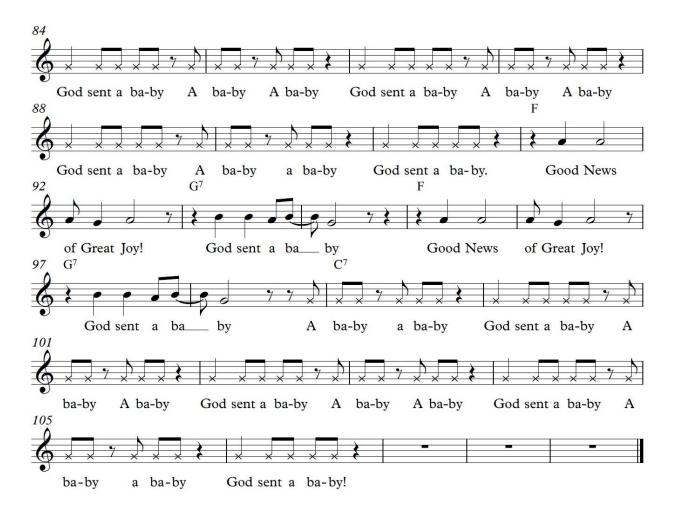
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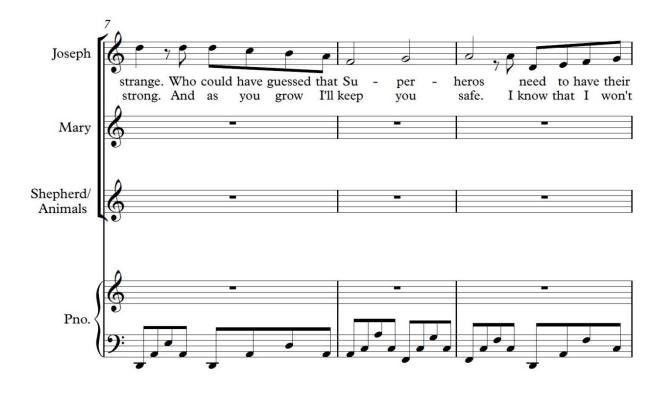


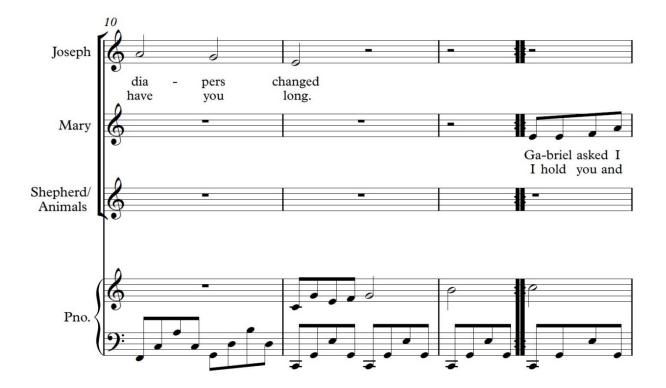




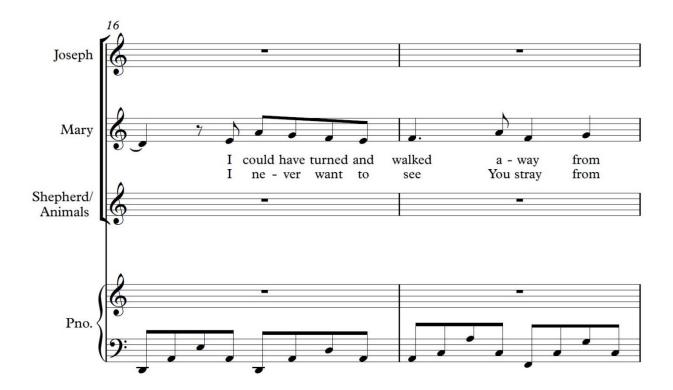
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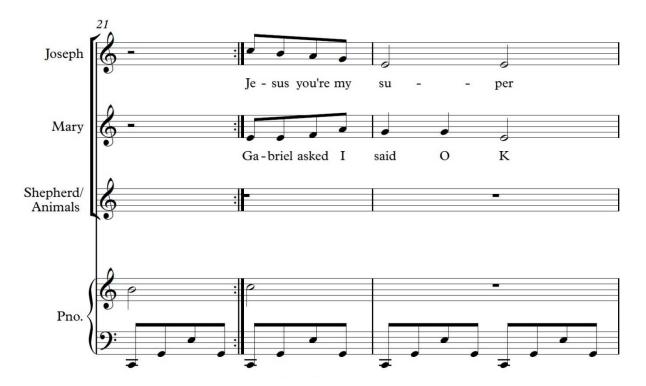






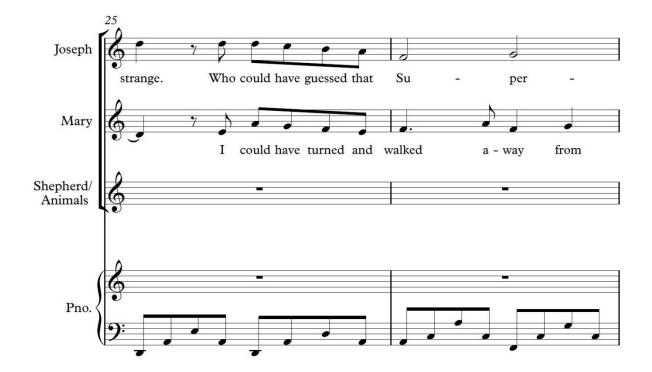
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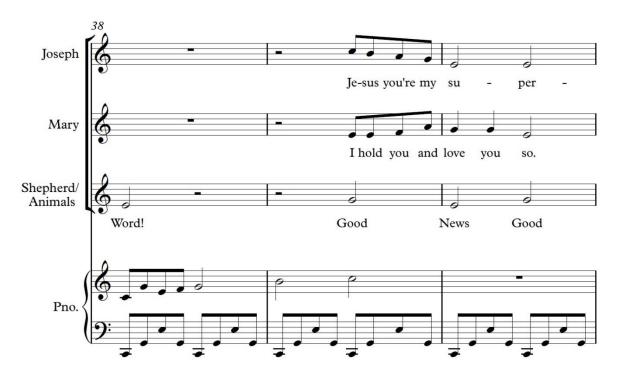
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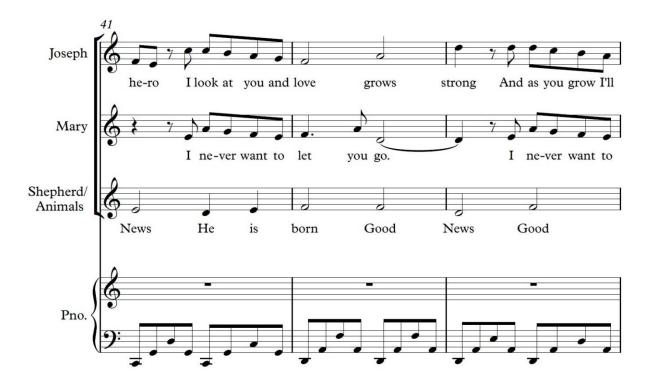


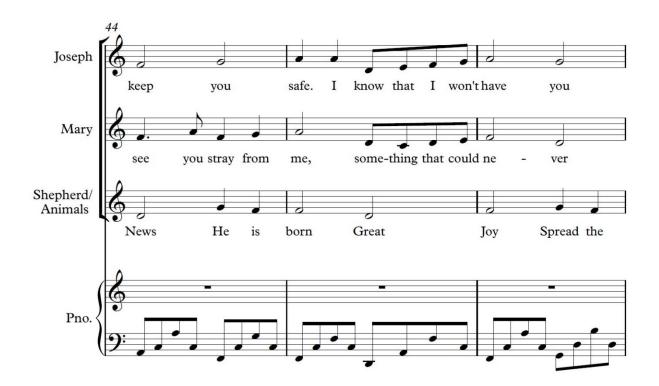














Silent Night

