

## Scene One - Santa's Grotto

*Props: Grotto prop. Sacks of toys scattered about. Work table with toys on it.*

*Lights : Full*

Narrator :	Father Christmas arrives at his Grotto to find that all his little helpers have disappeared.
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Father Christmas: Brother Fred, Little Beard, where are you?  
Where is everybody? Maybe they've gone to pick up the next train load of toys. Oh well, I'd better get on with some work.

*(Enter the Wicked Witch of the North Pole.)*

Wicked Witch: Hello, Father Christmas. Worried about your helpers are you?

Father C: What are you doing here, Wicked Witch of the North Pole?

Wicked W: What am I doing here? I've just come to tell you that your Little Helpers have all gone. I've taken them away. So now you've got nobody to do your work for Christmas and that means that all those disgusting children in the world won't get any toys for Christmas this year. Ha ha ha ha.

Father C: You horrible person. What am I going to do without my helpers? Where have you taken them Wicked Witch of the North Pole?

Wicked W: Never you mind, Father Christmas. Let's just say that I've got a little job for them to do. You don't know where they are and you'll never find them. So, Happy Christmas Santa Claus.  
Ha ha ha ha.

*(The witch leaves Father Christmas all alone.)*

Father C: Oh, what am I going to do? *(He cries)* Boo hoo.

### **SONG: WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, BOO HOO?**

*(The Good Fairy appears)*

Good Fairy: Father Christmas, what's the matter?

Father C: All my helpers have been taken away by the Wicked Witch of the North Pole.

Good Fairy: Oh no, Father Christmas, what are you going to do? There's only a couple of weeks left till Christmas and there's all this work to do.

Father C: I know. I haven't got anyone to help me. Boo hoo.

Good Fairy: Father Christmas, don't worry! I'll try and help. I'll travel south and see if I can find some more good helpers.

Father C: Will you? Oh thank you, Good Fairy. You will make sure that they are good, kind and thoughtful and very helpful, won't you?

Good Fairy: It might not be easy, but I'll do my best. Try not to worry, Father Christmas.

Father C: You are a good fairy.

Good Fairy: One thing, Father Christmas, I won't be able to come back with the helpers myself, because I'm in Pantomime again.

Father Christmas: Oh! Where are you this year, dear?

Good Fairy: At my favourite theatre - Wimbledon.  
Don't worry, I'll make sure that they get here safely. I'll give them three wishes to help them on their way. Bye Father Christmas!

Father C: Goodbye and good luck, Good Fairy, and thank you.

*Lights: Blackout*

*Sound : Link-up music*

## Scene Two - The Smith Household

*Props: Fireplace prop dressed for Christmas. Couch + cushions, Tray with 7 mugs on it.  
Big Envelope with letter inside.*

*Lights: Full*

Narrator:	The Good fairy goes off in search of helpers who are good, kind, thoughtful and hardworking. Father Christmas will have to wait patiently until they come. Now we go off to the Smith family. Molly, the mum, has seven children. Their father died two years ago and times are very hard.
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*(Enter Molly and her seven children.)*

Child 1: That was a great pantomime, mum. I can't wait to tell all my friends at school that I saw it.

Child 2: Yes, it was brill. Especially when Miranda went up on the stage.

Child 3: Yes, Miranda, you were great.

Child 4: Can we watch television, mum?

Molly: No dear. It's very late and it really is time for bed.

Children: Oh, mum!

Molly: Oh yes. It's been a long day and it's time to get into bed.

### **SONG: GET INTO BED**

*(Children exit to bed. Mum gives them a kiss each. )*

**Sound effect: Knock on the door**

Molly: Come on, you lot, off to sleep! There's someone at the door and I've got to answer it.

Children: Goodnight!

*(Molly opens the door)*

Sue: Hello, Molly. Did you have a good time?

Molly: Yes thanks, Sue, it was a good pantomime and Miranda was invited up onto the stage.

Sue: How exciting.

Molly: The good fairy asked her if her dad was in the audience and she told her that he had died a couple of years ago. It really choked me.

Sue: *(Gives Molly a cuddle)* Oh, Molly!  
Your boss called round to see you when you were out. He gave me this letter to give you. He didn't look too happy.

Molly: Oh dear. I wonder what it says? Let me see. *(She reads the letter.)*  
Oh no, Sue! He says that he can't afford to keep the business going. It's making him ill and he's going away for a bit. Poor man! It looks like I've lost my job.

## **SONG: I DON'T HAVE A JOB THIS CHRISTMAS**

Sue: Oh, Molly, you are so unlucky. What are you going to do?

Molly: I don't know. I hope something turns up.  
I think I'd like to get off to bed myself now. It looks as if I'll have a busy day tomorrow doesn't it?

Sue: You poor thing! Goodnight love. *(She kisses her.)*  
Are you sure you'll be all right?

Molly: I'll be ok. Goodnight, Sue.

*(Sue leaves.)*

*Lights: Dim*

*Sound : Link-up music*

## Scene 3 The Good Fairy Arrives

*Props : Blanket or cover. Tray with soup bowl and bread on it. Sleigh + Map*

Narrator: Poor Molly has had lots of bad luck, but maybe her luck is changing, because the Good Fairy was passing over this way and has heard the whole thing. Here she is now looking through the window at sad Molly.
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*Lights: Full*

*(Enter Good Fairy side of stage. Molly sits on the couch rear of stage looking sad.)*

Good Fairy: This Molly seems a kind person, and she certainly could use some good luck. I'm just going to test her out to see if she really is good, kind and thoughtful  
I'll put on this old cloak and pretend that I'm an old, hungry lady.

*(The Good Fairy knocks on imaginary door. )*

*Sound effect: Knock on door*

*(Molly comes to the door )*

Molly: Oh, hello. Can I help you?

Good Fairy: I do hope so, dear. I am so hungry and I haven't got anywhere to sleep for the night.

Molly: Come in. You do look tired. I'll see what I can find. I don't have much money myself and I have seven children, but I'm sure there's some soup left from teatime and a bit of bread to go with it.

Good Fairy: You are kind, dear. Thank you.

*(Molly fetches the soup and gives it to the old lady. Then she gets a cover and takes the cushions off the couch.)*

Molly: I'll make you up a bed with these cushions and a blanket.  
I hope you will be comfortable.

*(The Good Fairy takes off her cloak. Molly turns around.)*

Molly: Oh! Who are you?

Good Fairy: I'm really the Good Fairy, and you were so kind to me that I want to repay you with a job.

Molly: A job! How lucky! I lost mine today and I was so worried.  
What is it?

Good Fairy: It's a very special job and you'll need seven helpers.

Molly: The children?

Good Fairy: Yes, Father Christmas needs some helpers this Christmas.  
He's had some back luck himself.

Molly: I don't believe this is happening.

Good Fairy: Now, I'm going to sprinkle some magic dust in all of  
your eyes. When the children wake up, they won't know  
anything about it. I've searched a long way for someone like you and I've  
got three wishes to help you on your way.

## **SONG : I'VE GOT THREE WISHES**

*Lights: Dim*

*(Sleigh is moved onto stage - right)*

Narrator:	The Good Fairy sprinkles magic dust in Molly and the children's eyes and they get out of bed to prepare for the journey to the North Pole. She tells them all about their task.
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*(Enter all the children dressed ready to go )*

*Lights: Full*

Good Fairy: Now I'm afraid I can't come with you on this trip. Here's the sleigh  
*(They all get into the sleigh)*  
and the map. *(She gives it to Molly.)*  
The journey may be a difficult one. If you are ever in trouble you  
can use one of the three magic wishes to help you. Good luck  
and goodbye everybody. *( She goes off.)*

## **SONG: SLEIGH SONG -Verse One and Chorus**

*Lights: Blackout*

## Scene Four - PIRATES!

*Props: Pirates' ship with a plank*

*Lights: Full*

Narrator:	The journey to the North Pole begins. It passes very quickly and it's only when they reach the sea that they meet their first problem - Pirates. Oh dear!
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### **MUSIC : PIRATE ENTRY MUSIC**

*(A pirate ship comes into view.)*

Captain: Well, look here me hearties. What's this I see coming into view?

Pirates: What is it, Cap'n.

Captain: Well, shiver me timbers if it don't look like some new crew members.

Pirates: Crew members, Cap'n.

Captain: Aye, to replace the last lot that died from overwork and had to be fed to the sharks. What a stroke of good fortune, me boys.

*(The sleigh pulls up.)*

Children: Oh look, it's pirates and they don't look friendly.

Captain: Ahoy there! Well if you ain't just answered a cap'n's prayers. I needs a crew. The last scrawny lot died within the week, but you look nice and fit.

Pirates: Nice and fit.

Child 4: I'm frightened.

Captain: Frightened are yer? So yer should be. Ha ha ha.

Pirates: So yer should be. Ha ha ha.

Captain: Get 'em on board!

Pirates: Aye aye, Cap'n. Come 'ere you lot!

*(The children scream as they are dragged into the pirate ship.)*

Captain: Well, I'll give yer a choice, 'cos I'm a fair man. Ain't I boys?

Pirates: He's a fair man, honest.

Captain: You can either join the crew or walk the plank.

Pirates: Join the crew or walk the plank.

Captain: Shut up copying everyfink I say!

Pirates: Shut up copying everyfink I say!

Captain: The choice is yours!

## **SONG : THE CHOICE IS YOURS!**

Captain: Well, I'm waiting and I'm not a patient man.

Pirates: He's not a patient man.

Child 5: I think I'd rather walk the plank.

Child 6: So would I.

Captain: So walk the plank is it? Oh goodie 'cos there's a lot of hungry crocodiles out there and I likes a bit of fun.

Pirates: He likes a bit of fun.

Captain: Make 'em walk the plank!

*(The children are forced up onto the plank.)*

**Lights: Dim**

Narrator: Oh dear! The sea is full of crocodiles and it doesn't look good. Let's hope that Molly remembers that she's got three wishes.
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**Lights: Full**

Molly: The wishes. Thank goodness I remembered.

Child 7: Hurry up, mum! I don't want to be crocodile meat.

Molly: I wish we were back in the sleigh on the way to the North Pole again.

*(The pirate ship disappears. The children and Molly are back in the sleigh again.)*

**Lights: Blackout**

## **SONG: THE SLEIGH SONG - Verse two and chorus.**