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SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas Musical
for Eight Men, Seven Women, Variable Extras

C H A R A C T E R S

SANTA CLAUS jolly
MRS. CLAUS motherly
PIXIE, MIXIE, TRIXIE, DIXIE,
CLIFFORD cute, mischievous elves
SNOWSHOE RABBIT cheerful and active
BLINKY BUNNY shy, pidgeon-toed, nearsighted
MR. DOUGLAS bright-eyed, boisterous, big showoff tree
LADY SPRUCE . . . lovely, sophisticated, vain and snobbish tree
SIR NOBLE dignified, British, stuffy and wise tree
MISS MERRY bubbly and carefree tree
BLIZZARD WIZARD the cruel villain
LITTLE SPARROW and MOTHER SPARROW
SKUNK, SQUIRREL, RACCOON, CHIPMUNK, BEAR

TIME: This Christmas

Place: Santa's House and Snowy Mountain

Act One

SCENE: Night. Santa's House.

AT RISE OF CURTAIN: There is bright, whistling music under. Three spirited little elves, PIXIE, MIXIE and CLIFFORD, are busy decorating the fireplace. CLIFFORD takes some garland from a basket and hangs it on his head.

CLIFFORD (acting silly). Hey! Hey! Look at me. I'm a little Christmas tree!

PIXIE. You're what?

CLIFFORD (hanging garland on PIXIE). Now *you're* a tree!
(ALL start to decorate each other.)

(DIXIE enters R with packages that she sets on the floor.)

DIXIE. Oh! Wow! You're really great! *This* is how you decorate? (The ELVES look at each other, then pick up garland and hang it on DIXIE. ALL jump about and laugh.)

(TRIXIE enters with a teddy bear.)

TRIXIE. My gosh! What have you done?

PIXIE (prankishly taking the teddy bear and tossing it to the OTHERS in a keep-away game). Come on! We'll have some fun! (Sleigh bells ring offstage. The whistling music stops.)

MIXIE. Listen! Santa's coming! (They quickly put everything in place and start to look busy.)

(SANTA enters R, laughing a hearty "Ho, Ho, Ho". MRS. CLAUS follows him, carrying Santa's empty toy sack.)

SANTA. Well, just look at the decorations! Why, my elves, you've done a great job! Don't you think so, Mother?

MRS. CLAUS. Yes, everything's so *festive*! (She crosses DC and begins to busily pick up the packages and put them in the sack while she talks.)

SANTA. Now, let me think . . . I must still check my list of good and bad boys and girls. (The ELVES nod vigorously.)

MRS. CLAUS. Right.

SANTA. And, of course, the *toys* must be ready! (The ELVES mischievously glance at each other.)

MRS. CLAUS. Oh, I *hope* so.

SANTA. Let's see . . . Pixie . . . did you finish stuffing those teddy bears?

PIXIE. Yes.

MRS. CLAUS. Mixie, are all the airplanes painted?

MIXIE. Yes, every one!

MRS. CLAUS. And I've finished baking the cookies, too!

SANTA. Ho, ho, that's wonderful!

MRS. CLAUS. Just look what we can do when everyone's got that Christmas spirit!

SANTA (nodding). Christmas spirit . . . (He suddenly remembers something.) . . . Jumpin' Jack-in-the-Box! Do you know, we've been so busy we've forgotten about *our* Christmas tree!

MRS. CLAUS. Ah . . . we have! And you know how every tree in the forest waits *all* year for this!

SANTA. Why it's the most important event for every tree in the North Pole.

MRS. CLAUS. We can't disappoint them.

SANTA. No, they can't wait to see who'll be chosen Santa's Christmas tree.

MRS. CLAUS. And live in Santa's Forest.

ELVES. Uh, huh!

SANTA. Well, then, my elves, it looks like you'll have to go out to search for our Christmas tree. (The ELVES nod eagerly.)

MRS. CLAUS. For the *loveliest* one of all!

SANTA. You'll probably have to go all the way to Snowy Mountain to find just the right one.

MRS. CLAUS. Snowy Mountain? . . . Then we'll have to get everything ready so you can leave tomorrow morning.

MIXIE (very excitedly). But it will take a few days to find a tree that's just right. And since it's so far . . . we should leave *tonight!*

TRIXIE (with more animation). Yes, Pixie and Mixie could get out the sleigh. And with Clifford and Dixie, we could be on our way!

PIXIE. And Donner and Blitzen and Comet have said . . .

CLIFFORD. That Rudolph's been shining his nose nice and red!

SANTA. Oh, ho, ho, ho!

MRS. CLAUS (hugging the ELVES). Oh, you little rascals! Well . . . if you must go tonight . . . be sure to dress warm. Do you hear?

SANTA. Yes, in case you get caught by the Blizzard Wizard!

MRS. CLAUS. You know how wicked he is.

SANTA. Why the Blizzard Wizard would blow you right out in the snow.

MRS. CLAUS. So if you see him up in the sky, hide in the sleigh!

SANTA. Well, elves, are you all ready to go now?

ALL ELVES. Yes! Oh, yes!

MRS. CLAUS (concerned). Will you be careful?

ALL ELVES. Sure! Oh, sure!

SANTA. Remember, you must find the most beautiful tree in the forest!

ALL ELVES. We will! We will! (The ELVES excitedly run in all directions, turn and collide, falling down at C.)

SANTA. Oh, ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! (The ELVES scramble to get up, then exit R. Sleigh bells jingle offstage. He calls after the ELVES.) Remember . . . the most beautiful tree in all the forest . . . (He picks up any remaining packages to carry off after the curtain falls.) Oh, ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! (The curtain falls as the sleigh bells fade into the distance. The whistling music comes up briefly, then stops.)

SCENE TWO

SCENE: It is day on Snowy Mountain. There is soft, tinkling music over.

AT RISE OF CURTAIN: Dawn is breaking in the snow-covered forest. MISS MERRY stands DRC. MR. DOUGLAS stands at -C. LADY SPRUCE stands LC. SIR NOBLE stands DL. ALL are asleep. SNOWSHOE RABBIT enters L, followed by BLINKY BUNNY. They move quietly between SIR NOBLE and LADY SPRUCE, in back of MR. DOUGLAS. BLINKY occasionally bumps into a tree. SNOWSHOE jumps jubilantly out DC. The music stops.

SNOWSHOE (to the audience). Hi! I'm Snowshoe! Gee, what a beautiful morning! You know, I can tell it's almost Christmas. I can feel it in the air. Oh, boy, that's when it gets *exciting* up here on Snowy Mountain. It's really the most exciting time in the whole forest! (BLINKY hops right next to SNOWSHOE and nods his head in agreement. The four TREES have awakened and mime talking to each other.)

SNOWSHOE (with BLINKY following close behind). But since I live here, why don't I introduce you to . . . (He stops to gesture and BLINKY bumps into him. He speaks loudly to BLINKY.) Blinky! Will you get out of my way? I'm trying to introduce my friends to these people.

(The other FOREST ANIMALS enter quietly. SQUIRREL stands to the right of LADY SPRUCE. The OTHERS sit down by MISS MERRY. SKUNK stands to the right of SIR NOBLE.)

BLINKY (apologetically) Okay . . . I'm sorry. (SNOWSHOE turns and BLINKY bumps into him. Blinky's glasses fall off.) SNOWSHOE. Oh, for cryin' out loud!

BLINKY (sheepishly). I'm sorry, Snowshoe! Just let me find my glasses. (He searches all over in the snow for his glasses.)

SNOWSHOE (to the audience). Anyway, folks . . . That very tall tree over there . . . (He gestures toward MR. DOUGLAS.) . . . is called Mr. Douglas. He's a real hep guy. (BLINKY looks up but has to squint. He nods in agreement, then continues to search frantically for his glasses.)

MR. DOUGLAS (to the other TREES). Hey! Do you cats know Santa's elves will be coming up to Snowy Mountain *really* soon now!

LADY SPRUCE. Oh, dawling, are you sure it's that close to Christmas? I can hardly stand the suspense!

SNOWSHOE. And *she* is the lovely Lady Spruce. (BLINKY nods his head in agreement. SNOWSHOE points to SIR NOBLE.) Now, meet the distinguished Sir Noble.

SIR NOBLE (to the other TREES). Yes, it is quite close to Christmas. And we are most fortunate to be just the *perfect* height for Santa's house. (He draws himself up in a stately pose.) He has a veddy tall ceiling, you know.

SNOWSHOE (pointing to MISS MERRY). Ah, yes . . . and over there . . . is the happy Miss Merry. (BLINKY nods happily in agreement.)

MISS MERRY (laughing at the ANIMALS). Chipmunk, you silly thing! Where are you going now?

SNOWSHOE (to the audience). Well, folks . . . now that you have been introduced to each tree on Snowy Mountain, why don't I leave the rest of the story up to *them*? (BLINKY nods his head in agreement and puts on his glasses. SNOWSHOE checks to see if they're on straight. He then turns BLINKY around, pointing him in the other direction. He takes Blinky's hand and together they move upstage and stand right of MR. DOUGLAS.)

MR. DOUGLAS. Yea, man . . . Wouldn't it just be a *gas* to go to Santa's house?

SPRUCE, NOBLE, MISS MERRY. Oh, *yes*.

MR. DOUGLAS. But since *I'm* sure to be the one chosen, are you guys goin' to miss me?

SIR NOBLE. Miss you? It should be pretty serene around here, were that the case, but how could that be? (He snickers.)

LADY SPRUCE. Yes, dawling, how could that be . . . when the

elves are sure to choose *me*, dawling.

MISS MERRY. Gee, it really would be fantastic to go to Santa's.

MR. DOUGLAS. All right! Boy . . . I can just see old handsome me decked out in lights and ornaments. Mmmm *mmm* . . . I would be *terrific*!

LADY SPRUCE (sarcastically). Real terrific.

SIR NOBLE. My boy . . . I'm afraid Santa wants more than that in a tree. He is looking for *dignity*, dignity and stature. And who do you believe fits *that* description best?

MISS MERRY. Gee, it's true, you lucky guys. Mr. Douglas *is* certainly handsome. (MR. DOUGLAS responds. The ANIMALS respond.) You *are* dignified, Sir Noble. (SIR NOBLE responds. The ANIMALS respond.) And then . . . just look how pretty Lady Spruce is!

LADY SPRUCE. Oh, dawling, how sweet! You *are* quite right though . . . graceful . . . refined . . . oooh, it's all so *exciting*!

MISS MERRY. Yes, it will be exciting no matter who goes . . . Can you *imagine* the adventure of it all?

MR. DOUGLAS. Yea, man, I can dig it! . . . I bet there will be a way-out celebration . . . everyone dancing . . . (SNOWSHOE, SQUIRREL and SKUNK do a little "rock step".) . . . lots of music . . . and me . . . I'll be right in the center! Heyyy! (He gestures grandly.)

LADY SPRUCE. And how warm and delightful it must be! (The other TREES respond.) Probably lots of little cookies baking . . . and plum *puddings*! And the delicious aroma of Christmas cakes in the air . . . ummmmmmm!

ANIMALS (rubbing their tummies). Yummmmmmm!

MR. DOUGLAS. Oh, boy!

LADY SPRUCE. How exquisite!

MISS MERRY. Uh,huh!

SIR NOBLE. Quite! And I suppose a veddy large fireplace with
fire dahncing in it . . . By jove . . . it *would* be smashing,
wouldn't it?

MISS MERRY. Oh, it would be super! Music! Christmas cakes!

A cozy fireplace! Wow . . . and all the toys, too!

MR. DOUGLAS and LADY SPRUCE. The toys?

MISS MERRY. Yes, the toys the elves make all year for Santa to
take!

OTHER TREES. Ah, yes . . . the *toys*!

(SONG: "HOW EXCITING IT WOULD BE")

ALL TREES.

HOW EXCITING IT WOULD BE
TO GO TO SANTA'S HOUSE AND SEE
ALL THE MANY TOYS
FOR LITTLE GIRLS AND BOYS.

MR. DOUGLAS.

SKATES AND BALLS AND FURRY BEARS
MAYBE A WAGON, TOO.

SIR NOBLE.

TRAINS AND DOLLS AND SAILING BOATS.

LADY SPRUCE.

OR A DANCING KANGAROO.

(She spins around.)

MISS MERRY. A dancing kangaroo?

SIR NOBLE. Yes, with veddy large dahncing shoes! (He and
MISS MERRY laugh.)

ALL TREES.

HOW EXCITING IT WOULD BE
TO GO TO SANTA'S HOUSE AND SEE
WONDROUS THINGS THAT MAKE US SHOUT WITH GLEE!
SUGAR CAKES AND COOKIES BAKING,
WHILE THE ELVES ARE BUSY MAKING . . .
COLORED RIBBONED PACKAGES, SO GAY
OH, IF I COULD GO TO SANTA'S CHRISTMAS DAY . . .

LADY SPRUCE.

IF I COULD GO . . .

SIR NOBLE.

IF I COULD GO . . .

MISS MERRY.

IF I COULD GO . . .

MR. DOUGLAS.

IF I COULD GO!

ALL TREES.

OH, IF I COULD GO TO SANTA'S
CHRISTMAS DAY!

ALL TREES (sighing dreamily). Mmmmmmmmm . . .

LADY SPRUCE. You know, we have to look simply marvelous if we're to be chosen. (SQUIRREL and SKUNK move closer to her.)

MISS MERRY. We must smile and stand up straight, huh?

SIR NOBLE. Hmff . . . I doubt whether you should concern yourself, Meddy. (He snickers.)

MR. DOUGLAS. Yea, you are just too plain and too little.

LADY SPRUCE. Yes, Santa wants a *tall* tree, dawling . . . tall and *lovely* . . . like me.

MR. DOUGLAS. Tall and *bushy* like me!

SIR NOBLE. Tall and *proud* . . . like me!

LADY SPRUCE. Well, it's obvious that Santa's elves will choose *one* of us three.

MR. DOUGLAS and SIR NOBLE. Right!

LADY SPRUCE. There's no doubt that we are the three most *perfect* trees on Snowy Mountain.

MISS MERRY. Hmm . . . Santa's just got to have a perfect tree, huh?

MR. DOUGLAS (chuckling). Hey, let me ask you kid . . . Would he settle for anything less? Would he want *anything* less than a perfect tree?

SIR NOBLE. Would he even consider a scruffy little thing like you? (He snickers. MR. DOUGLAS and LADY SPRUCE snicker.)

MISS MERRY. Well . . . I know I'm not the neatest . . . but . . .

LADY SPRUCE. Dawling! You must be tall . . . and you must be poised . . . for the elves to even *notice* you.

MR. DOUGLAS (looking at BLINKY). Why, look at this little chap . . . Could he be number one in rabbit land? (He takes

PRODUCTION NOTES

Musical Numbers

Act I:

ELVES' WHISTLE	Elves
HOW EXCITING IT WOULD BE	The Trees
RUN, SKIPPITY, JUMP	Forest Animals
WIZARD'S BREW	Blizzard Wizard
LITTLE SPARROW IN THE SNOW	Miss Merry

Act II:

THAT'S WHAT MATTERS	Lady Spruce, Mr. Douglas, Sir Noble
MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TREE	Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Elves
MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TREE/ WHISTLE (Reprise)	Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Elves, Trees, Forest Animals

Sets

Santa's House:

A cozy cabin decorated for Christmas. There is a fireplace with garland and hanging stockings ULC. A table stands near a curtained window URC. Brightly wrapped packages are stacked on the table top. Packages are placed on the floor DC and DLC.

Snowy Mountain:

If a winter scene is not painted on flats or a backdrop, you can use tree cutouts. If you are unable to cast taller people for the three tall trees, they can stand on twelve-inch blocks. Snowshoe and Blinky should be to the right of Mr. Douglas. Squirrel should be to the left of Lady Spruce with Skunk to the right of Sir Noble and the other Animals to the left of Miss Merry.

Lighting:

It is important that Miss Merry glows in Act Two. This can be achieved with twinkle lights hidden in her dress and connected to a small battery. Otherwise, a yellow spot light can shine on her at the appropriate time. During the Blizzard Wizard's storm, a strobe light would be most effective but, if one is unavailable, you can simply dim and bring up the lights to achieve a similar effect.

Sound:

Some or all of the following would greatly enhance your production: jingle bells (for the arrival and departure of the sleigh); a record of wind and thunder (the Blizzard Wizard's storm); chase music (for use as the Blizzard Wizard chases Little Sparrow); tinkling music (for the dawning and nightfall in the forest,

when the Sparrows enter, etc.); sorrow music (when Little Sparrow cries). The music may be augmented by Mr. Douglas playing a guitar. The "Elves' Whistle" may be prerecorded and used under their laughter.

Properties

Santa's House:

Fireplace with garland, stockings and a wreath above. Hanging window, if not painted on flat. Table, packages.

Dixie: packages. Trixie: plush toy animal. Mrs. Claus: large toy sack. Pixie, Mixie, Clifford: toy shovels, extra garland.

Snowy Mountain:

Tree cutouts, if not painted on flat. If necessary, blocks for tall trees.

Blinky Bunny: over-sized, horn-rimmed glasses. Mr. Douglas: guitar, if desired. Sir Noble: pipe. Miss Merry: tiny white twinkling lights or reflective ornaments, silver or red garland, candy canes and other decorations.

Costumes

Santa: Santa suit.

Mrs. Claus: white blouse with long, red skirt.

Elves: red shorts over green tights and elf hats. You may add sleeveless jackets trimmed in gold garland.

Trees: long, green basic costume. If the tall trees stand on blocks, their costumes should extend to the floor. Cone-shaped green hats with strips extending to their shoulders.

Their personalities should be expressed in their accessories. Mr. Douglas: a bowtie; Lady Spruce: a fur or glitter beads; Sir Noble: a pipe. You may add the following to each basic costume: Miss Merry/ruffles of green tulle netting; Lady Spruce/skirt of green satin with tulle overlay; Mr. Douglas/green plastic ruffles; Sir Noble/green fake fur gathered in layers. — Green wigs may be used as alternate hats.

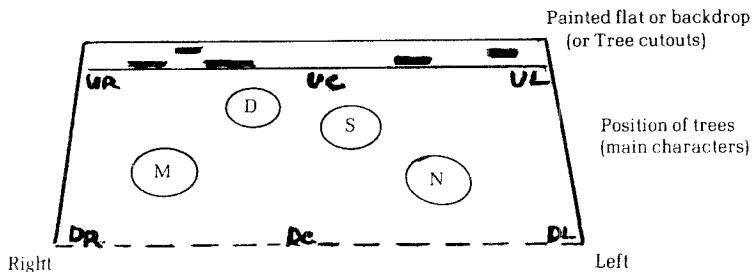
Blizzard Wizard: long white costume or pants with dark cape. The cape may be made of vertical sections of dark and light blue sheer material, trimmed with silver garland. He should also wear a large white wig sprinkled with silver glitter.

Animals: costumes may be simple leotards and tights, with appropriate ears on headbands, or they may be more elaborate costumes of fake fur tunics and hoods with ears.

Birds: leotards and tights with hoods and “V” makeup on their foreheads. You may add tunics of soft brown satin with matching hoods and capes of gathered brown tulle netting for their wings.

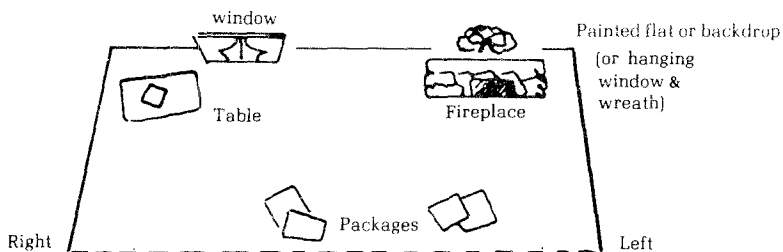
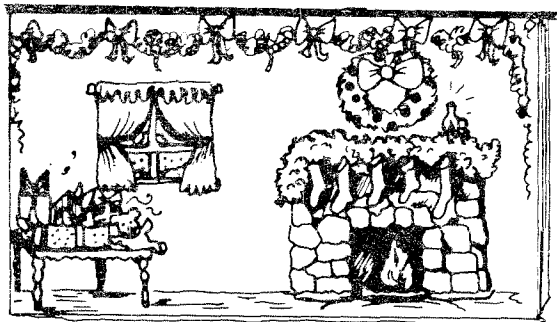
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Snowy Mountain



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Santa's House





HOW EXCITING IT WOULD BE

Brightly

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Ami G Ami G

How ex-cit-ing it would be to go to Santa's house and see.

B Emi C D7

All the man-y toys for lit-tle girls and boys.

Ami G Ami G

Skates and balls and fur-ry bears, may be a wag-on too

Ami G Ami D7

Trains and dolls and sail-ing boats or a danc-ing kang-a-roo!

Ami D7 Ami G

How ex-cit-ing it would be to