

Rusty the Blue Nose Reindeer – Version 3.14159265359-A

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Setting: right before Christmas – but time is not really relevant to the story.

Location: The Benevolent Order of Reindeer (BOOR) – Chapter 1 – Way up North der hey.

Dave and the Chordsmen arrive on the stage from various locations and each put out something Christmasy. It's time for the annual meeting that they have every year. With a satisfied look Dave says . . . "Good job guys . . . It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

After a thunderous applause – BOOR Chapter Secretary – Bill Fricke walks up to the Mic. Looks at the members and says . . . "The Annual Meeting that we hold every year is now called to order. Please raise your right hoof and repeat after me." Tim raises his hand anxiously – "Which hoof is it???"

Bill – What?

Tim – Which hoof is the correct one.

Bill – the right one.

Tim – I figured that – so which one is the right one?

Bill – the right one.

Tim – Confused - which one is the correct one?

Bill – the right one

Tim – what???

Bill - it doesn't matter – raise them both . . . (he does)

Bill - repeat after me . . . "I, state your name" . . . **Chorus (I state your name)** Bill Looks at the audience and rolls his eyes. "Do hereby follow the code of conduct of the Benevolent order of Reindeer and will do the best of my ability to uphold the traditions started right here, way up north der hey, to be followed by my fellow reindeer.

Chorus – pauses - Dave directs "amen"

Jim R – Look – its snowing . . . remember the first snowman we made many moons ago? Wow – that was a wild ride . . .

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Don Lewellen - It is now time to welcome our distinguished guest that we ask to our annual meeting that we hold every year. People ask me what nationality Santa is – and of course everyone knows he’s “North Polish”. And as always – let’s welcome him in song.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa enters at the end of the song to the cheers of the chorus – some very ecstatic – lots of smiles.

Santa: Thank you for having me again this year at the annual meeting you hold every year. It was another good year on the books at the north pole and I am always thankful to the support the Benevolent Order of Reindeer gives to Santa and my crew. Boy, the snow is sure coming down outside – but nothing like the one time - when a certain Reindeer saved the day.

Dave Buss: It was such an event – we even have a song about it.

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

At the end of the song . . . Rusty walks in – upset –

Bill – “You look upset Rusty”

Rusty (to the audience) “You’d be upset too if you where the title character of the show and it took 4 songs for you to make your entrance” (Back to Bill and the Chorus) “All I ever hear about is Rudolph, Rudolph, Rudolph. I tell you, its not easy being his sibling. Why is your nose blue? What’s wrong with you? Is your battery dead? I had a job at KMART for a while – blue light special and all, but now that’s gone too. Maybe I’ll try my luck on the Stable-Tennis team.

Chorus Member (very low key and unstressful) - “Sounds to me like you’re a little stressed Rusty. I’m an accountant. I always get stressed during tax season . . . always afraid I’ll put the decimal point in the wrong place. I guess you can say I get “tenth” . . .

Rusty – so what do you do?

Chorus member – I always take a trip to “Meccico” – you should give it a try. That’s where I bought this sweater – the best sweaters are made in Mexico.

Rusty – “really”

Chorus member – “yeah man – Fleece Navidad.”

FELIZ NAVIDAD

Time for a quartet to sing – chorus sits and listens

After the quartet is done . . . the chorus has noses on . . . some red, some blue. Tim has a green one on.

Don – “Bill, what’s going on here with the noses?

Bill – I guess people are taking sides – Rudolph or Rusty.

Don – “Why is Tim’s nose green?”

Bill – Oh, That’s because he’s independent.

Don – well guys – we can have our differences, but we can also get along too. Let’s not be like the crab and the lobster.

Bill – what about the crab and the lobster?

Don – they didn’t get along because they were shellfish. As warm blooded members of the Benevolent order of Reindeer – it is important that we always – always – remain warm and fuzzy.

WARM AND FUZZY

Time for a quartet)or quartets) to sing – chorus sits and listens

Afterwards – go right to **HARK AND JOY**

Rusty comes back onto the stage – and is approached by Al Boldt – who is the Chaplain of the Order.

Al – “Rusty – I know everyone gives you a hard time about not measuring up to Rudolph – but believe me, you have a special and wonderful purpose in life. Did you know that one of the most beautiful Christmas songs ever written was because of a church organ failing to work . . . and out of this blunder came this song of wonder. It is only fitting that the order sings it for you now . . . peace my friend.

SILENT NIGHT

Don – “Rusty – the best thing to do is spend Christmas with family – they HAVE to love you.

Rusty – “I guess so Don”

Don – “You seem pretty smart, Rusty – where did you go to school”

Rusty – “I didn’t go to school – I guess you could say I was “Elf Taught” – “I was really good at Gnome Work”

Don - Well Rusty – you seem in a little better spirits – (During this Roger is stepping towards them).

Roger – “Rusty – let me tell you a little story . . . I used to know a guy who absolutely loved hollandaise sauce. He would buy the spiciest brand he could find and would put it on just about everything. Well it turned out that because he used the spicy sauce so much, it started to wear down a hole on the roof of his mouth. He went to a doctor and asked what he could do about it. The doctor looks at the damage and determines that the man will need a metal plate placed at the roof of his mouth. The man is relieved but can't help asking the doctor if he will still be able to enjoy his hollandaise sauce. The doctor reassures the man that his new plate will be made of chrome. The man was curious, so he asked if chrome was the best choice. The doctor responded with "Oh don't worry, there's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise."

Rusty – “That reminds me of a song . . . thanks guy . . . (and hustles off stage)

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Jim – (as the guys walk to the wings) “With all the snow that’s falling – the guys are going to do their service project and shovel some walk ways for the citizen way up north here dey. So I guess this would be a good time for an intermission – I figure it will take about 15 minutes to do the shoveling . . . see you then.

INTERMISSION

Chorus walks back onto stage – some with snow shovels, others with additional decorations – others just talking to each other. Dave says . . .

Dave – “Great job guys – I’m sure everyone will appreciate the job you did for them today. – Hey Tim – what’s in the box?”

Tim – “Bells”

Dave – “What kind of bells?”

Tim – “I thought you’d never ask”

JINGLE BELLS

Bill – “Well everyone – do we have a treat for you tonight – just like we do every year for our annual meeting. Our special guest this year comes from the not so north der hey – but still neighborly enough – I introduce to you – under the direction of Emma Kindness – The Roncalli Singers.”

RONCALLI SINGERS

Rusty comes on stage – “Wow guys – weren’t they just wonderful – I am feeling a lot better. Its amazing how music and friendship and fellowship can make your problem seem to fade. This Benevolent Order of Reindeer order sure reminds me of stories that I heard of a group that meets and sings on Tuesday Nights at Grow It Forward on Marshall Street in Manitowoc. What was their name again?

Dave – “The Clipper City Chordsmen?”

Rusty – No, I don’t think that’s it

Dave looks at the audience and rolls his eyes.

Rusty – I off to see if I can find Rudolph and become loving siblings again . As I leave – could you sing my favorite Christmas Song?

Dave- “Sure Rusty – what song is that”

Rusty – “Silver Bells”

SILVER BELLS

Don – “I sure hope Rusty can find Rudolph and make amends.”

Bill – “I know it would make their parents Donner and Vixen happy”

Don – “That Donner was quite the smooth operator when a courting Vixen”

Bill – “I heard that they met on a dating site called the “Antler-net.”

Don – “Actually Bill – Donner was old fashioned and had a special place to meet his bride to be.”

MEET ME UNDER THE MISTLETOE

Rusty comes back onto the stage. “I couldn’t find Rudolph anywhere. I guess the Christmas spirit won’t find me this year.

Rudolph runs down the aisle – “Oh Rusty – I heard everything- and I’m so glad that you and I can find peace as siblings – the Christmas spirit has found us!!!! (They Hug – chorus cheers).

Rusty – “But let’s not just be friends at Christmastime, but all year long.”

Rudolph - “You are right Rusty – because that is truly the Secret of Christmas

SECRET OF CHRISTMAS

Bill – “As secretary of the Benevolent Order of Reindeer – I motion for this annual meeting we have every year to come to a close. Once again -another successful year.

Tim – “But Mr. Secretary, there are so many unanswered questions

Bill – “Like what Tim?”

Tim – Well – we should recognize our member quartets – don’t you think.

Bill – “You’re right Time – (Bill recognizes these quartets)

Tim - “And we should Welcome back the Roncalli Singers”

Bill – “Right again Tim – we welcome back to the stage the Roncalli Singers. Anything else Tim?

Tim – “I second the motion and move to us singing one last song.

Bill – “the chair recognizes the motion and the 2nd – all those in favor – SING!!!!!!

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS