

ACT I

CHRISTMAS, 1968

(We are in Harper's Hardware, a large hardware store on Main Street in Springfield. There is a hanging banner reading "Harper's Hardware Holiday Happening." There are various gift packages and decorations around the store. On each side of the stage is a gift package pallet with casters; when rolled together to the center, they connect and create different levels for seating.)

(BETTY JEAN has worked at Harper's Hardware since graduating from Springfield High School in 1958. The four girls formed their singing group to perform at their senior prom, reuniting for their ten-year reunion earlier this year. Mr. Harper placed BETTY JEAN in charge of this year's company Christmas party, and she gathered the girls to create this Christmas Concert.)

(Throughout the show, the girls sing back-up vocals for each song, which may not be indicated in lyrics.)

(Audience members are referred to as employees and their family members.)

(In the dark we hear an announcer:)

MR. HARPER (V.O.)

Employees, friends and loved ones — this is Mr. Harper. Welcome to the Harper's Hardware 1968 company Christmas party. It is with great pomp and pleasure that I now introduce the entertainment portion of tonight's festivities. Please welcome The Marvelous Wonderettes!

(Lights up on BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU, SUZY, and MISSY. They are dressed in sixties holiday dresses: BETTY JEAN in green, CINDY LOU in pink, SUZY and blue, and MISSY in orange; accented with rhinestone snowflakes of various sizes. However, at the top of the show, their dresses are covered with smocks from the hardware store, decorated with snowflakes and nametags.)

#1 MISTER SANTA

ALL

BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM

ALL (CONT'D)

BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM
MISTER SANTA, BRING US SOME TOYS

BETTY JEAN

BRING US SOME TOYS

ALL

BRING MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL GIRLS AND BOYS

BETTY JEAN

BRING US SOME TOYS

ALL

AND EV'RY NIGHT WE'LL GO TO SLEEP SINGING
AND DREAM ABOUT THE PRESENTS YOU'LL BE BRINGING
SANTA, PROMISE US PLEASE

BETTY JEAN

JUST BRING THE TOYS

ALL

GIVE EV'RY REINDEER A HUG AND A SQUEEZE
WE'LL BE GOOD, AS GOOD CAN BE
MISTER SANTA, DON'T FORGET ME
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM,
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM

(Key change.)

BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM

BETTY JEAN

MISTER SANTA, WE'VE BEEN SO GOOD
WE'VE WASHED THE DISHES AND DONE WHAT WE SHOULD
MADE UP THE BEDS AND SCRUBBED UP OUR TOESIES
WE'VE USED A KLEENEX WHEN WE'VE

ALL

BLOWN OUR NOSEIES

BETTY JEAN

SANTA

SANTA SUZY

SANTA CINDY LOU

SANTA MISSY

LOOK AT OUR EARS BETTY JEAN

ALL
THEY'RE CLEAN AS WHISTLES
WE'RE SHARPER THAN SHEARS

BETTY JEAN
NOW WE'VE PUT YOU ON THE SPOT

MISSY
ON THE SPOT

ALL
MISTER SANTA, BRING US A LOT

(Key change.)

HO, HO, HO
HO, HO, HO, HO, HO, HO, HO HO
HO, HO, HO, HO, HO!
HO, HO, HO, HO, HO, HO, HO HO
HO, HO, HO, HO, HO!

SUZY
MISTER SANTA

RITCHIE'S VOICE (V.O.)
Ho, ho, ho!

(Ritchie (who's running the lights in the back of the store) flashes the lights on "Ho, ho, ho!" SUZY laughs and waves at him.)

SUZY
That's funny, Ritchie!

MISSY

Suzy – pay attention!

ALL

BE AWFUL CAREFUL AND PLEASE DON'T GET SICK

BETTY JEAN

OH, DON'T GET SICK

ALL

PUT ON YOUR COAT WHEN BREEZES ARE BLOWIN'
AND WHEN YOU CROSS THE STREET LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'

BETTY JEAN

SANTA

CINDY LOU

SANTA

SUZY

RITCHIE

MISSY

SANTA

ALL

WE LOVE YOU SO, WE LOVE YOU SO
WE HOPE YOU NEVER GET LOST IN THE SNOW
TAKE YOUR TIME WHEN YOU UNPACK

MISSY

WHEN YOU UNPACK

ALL

MISTER SANTA, HURRY
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE
MISTER SANTA, PLEASE HURRY BACK!

BETTY JEAN

SANTA, DON'T FORGET TO BRING ME LOTS AND LOTS OF TOYS!

(Applause. They acknowledge the audience and their reaction.)

BETTY JEAN (CONT'D)

(Speaking)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Harper's Hardware Holiday Happening!

(They all turn and gesture toward the banner with a noise.)

ALL

Hhmmm!

SUZY

Or as I like to call it: "Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho!"

(AS SUZY recites "Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho" she points to each "Ho" in the sign. The others then point to each "Ho" as well, making a "hhmmm" noise as they do, followed by a final "hhmmm" out to the audience.)

ALL

(pointing)

Hhmm, hhmm, hhmm, hhmm.

(Posing)

Hhmmm!

SUZY

They got it. I think they got it.

BETTY JEAN

Most of you know me — I'm Betty Jean. I'm up in corporate sales.

(BETTY JEAN proudly acknowledges the audience.)

CINDY LOU

I'm Cindy Lou.

SUZY

I'm Suzy.

MISSY

I'm Missy.

BETTY JEAN

And we're...

ALL

The Marvelous Wonderettes.

(They strike their "Wonderettes" pose with a noise)

Hhmmm.

MISSY

But at this time of year, we're the Winter Wonderettes.

(They mime falling snow, followed by the same "Wonderettes" pose and noise.)

ALL

(miming)

Snow, snow.

(Posing)

Hhmmm.

BETTY JEAN

What's next?

MISSY

(whispering to Suzy)

Decorate.

SUZY

(whispering to Cindy Lou)

Decorate.

CINDY LOU

(whispering to Betty Jean)

Decorate.

BETTY JEAN

Oh right! Time to decorate!

#2 ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

[ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE]

(During the following medley the girls pull out various holiday decorations to turn the hardware store into a winter wonderland.)

ALL

AHHHHH

BETTY JEAN

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
AT HARPER'S HARDWARE SHOP

(CINDY LOU brings mistletoe to BETTY JEAN.)

MISTLETOE HUNG WHERE YOU CAN SEE
EV'RY COUPLE TRIES TO STOP

*(MISSY and SUZY bring on a Christmas tree, decorated with
packages underneath.)*

ALL

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

BETTY JEAN

LET THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RING

(BETTY JEAN hangs the mistletoe center.)

ALL

LATER WE'LL HAVE SOME PUMPKIN PIE
AND WE'LL DO SOME CAROLING

*(CINDY LOU and MISSY string garland, SUZY gets a small gift
package and brings it center. BETTY JEAN lifts the lid of the box.
CINDY LOU and MISSY reach in to pull out two long strings of
silver tinsel garland. They string it up.)*

BETTY JEAN

YOU WILL GET A SENTIMENTAL
FEELING WHEN YOU HEAR
VOICES SINGING:

MISSY, CL, SUZY

OOH
OOH

ALL

"LET'S BE JOLLY, DECK

BETTY JEAN

THE HALLS WITH

ALL

BOUGHS OF HOLLY"

ALL (CONT'D)

ROCKIN' AROUND THE
CHRISTMAS TREE

BETTY JEAN

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

ALL

EV'RYONE DANCING MERRILY
IN THE NEW OLD FASHIONED WAY

BETTY JEAN

Missy...!

(Immediate segue.)

[JINGLE-BELL ROCK]

*(SUZY and BETTY JEAN bring out the fireplace. CINDY LOU
(who seldom actually moves furniture) "displays" the fireplace as it
enters.)*

MISSY

JINGLE-BELL, JINGLE-BELL, JINGLE-BELL ROCK
JINGLE BELLS SWING AND JINGLE BELLS RING

MISSY

SNOWIN' AND BLOWIN'
UP BUSHELS OF FUN

BJ, CL, SUZY

OOH

ALL

NOW THE JINGLE HOP HAS BEGUN

*(MISSY sits on the hearth and passes out bells to the girls: a
large bell wreath to BETTY JEAN, a large sleigh bell to CINDY
LOU, and the "Santa bell" to SUZY. (The Santa bell is painted
to look like Santa.))*

MISSY

JINGLE-BELL, JINGLE-BELL, JINGLE-BELL ROCK
JINGLE BELLS CHIME IN JINGLE-BELL TIME

(The others shake and ring their bells wildly.)

ALL

DANCIN' AND PRANCIN' IN
JINGLE BELL SQUARE

(MISSY stops them.)

MISSY

IN THE FROSTY AIR

*(They now dance with their bells to hang on the set, with the
Santa bell being placed on a prominent pedestal on the mantle.)*

MISSY

WHAT A BRIGHT TIME
IT'S THE RIGHT TIME TO

BJ, CL, SUZY

HOO
HOO

ALL

ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY

MISSY

JINGLE-BELL TIME
IS A SWELL TIME

BJ, CL, SUZY

HOO
HOO

ALL

TO GO GLIDIN' IN A
ONE-HORSE SLEIGH

MISSY

GIDDY-YAP JINGLE HORSE
PICK UP YOUR FEET

ALL

JINGLE AROUND THE CLOCK
MIX AND MINGLE IN A
JINGLIN' BEAT

MISSY

THAT'S THE JINGLE-BELL ROCK

(Immediate segue.)

(MISSY yields the stage to CINDY LOU.)

[LITTLE SAINT NICK]

ALL

OOH

CINDY LOU

WELL, WAY UP NORTH
WHERE THE AIR GETS COLD
THERE'S A TALE ABOUT CHRISTMAS
THAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN TOLD

AND A REAL FAMOUS CAT
ALL DRESSED UP IN RED
AND HE SPENDS THE WHOLE YEAR
WORKIN' OUT ON HIS SLED

*(MISSY rings the Santa bell, indicating Santa's entrance. BETTY
JEAN brings out a Santa in a Barbie convertible for the mantle.)*

*(MISSY rings the Santa bell on each "Little Saint Nick," annoying
CINDY LOU.)*

IT'S THE LITTLE SAINT NICK

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

OOH, LITTLE SAINT NICK

CINDY LOU

IT'S THE LITTLE SAINT NICK

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

OOH, LITTLE SAINT NICK

(MISSY rings the bell again.)

CINDY LOU

What's with the ringing?

MISSY

It's the Santa bell. Remember we talked about this.

*(One final ring from MISSY; CINDY LOU angrily cuts her off before
turning back out to perform.)*

CINDY LOU

AND HAULIN' THROUGH THE SNOW
AT A FRIGHT'NIN' SPEED

CINDY LOU (CONT'D)
WITH A HALF A DOZEN DEER

(SUZY interrupts CINDY LOU, displaying a Rudolph for the mantle.)

SUZY
WITH RUDY TO LEAD

CINDY LOU
HE'S GOTTA WEAR HIS GOGGLES
'CAUSE THE SNOW REALLY FLIES
AND HE'S CRUISIN' EV'RY PAD
WITH A LITTLE SURPRISE
IT'S THE LITTLE SAINT NICK

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY
OOH, LITTLE SAINT NICK

CINDY LOU
IT'S THE LITTLE SAINT NICK

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY
OOH, LITTLE SAINT NICK

(They recreate a sled, with CINDY LOU on top, the others as reindeer. (SUZY in front with Rudolph.))

ALL
RUN, RUN, REINDEER
RUN, RUN, REINDEER
WHOA
RUN, RUN, REINDEER
RUN, RUN, REINDEER

SUZY
HE DON'T MISS NO ONE

(Immediate segue.)

[A MARSHMALLOW WORLD]

(MISSY takes Rudolph from SUZY.)

(CINDY LOU and MISSY string twinkle light garlands.)

(BETTY JEAN gets a small stepladder and places it by the tree.)

SUZY (CONT'D)

IT'S A MARSHMALLOW WORLD IN THE WINTER
WHEN THE SNOW COMES TO COVER THE GROUND

(SUZY tosses snow confetti on the tree.)

SUZY
IT'S THE TIME FOR PLAY
T'S A WHIPPED-CREAM DAY
I WAIT FOR IT ALL YEAR 'ROUND

MISSY, BJ, CL
OOH

AAH

ALL
THOSE ARE MARSHMALLOW CLOUDS BEING FRIENDLY

SUZY
IN THE ARMS OF
THE EVERGREEN TREES
AND THE SUN IS RED
LIKE A PUMPKIN'S HEAD

MISSY, BJ, CL
OOH

RED!

ALL
IT'S SHINING SO YOUR NOSE WON'T FREEZE

(BETTY JEAN helps MISSY up the stepladder to place the treetopper snowflake.)

SUZY
THE WORLD IS YOUR SNOWBALL, SEE HOW IT GROWS
THAT'S HOW IT GOES

ALL
WHENEVER IT SNOWS

(Without looking back, SUZY throws snow at the tree, dousing MISSY and BETTY JEAN.)

SUZY
THE WORLD IS YOUR SNOWBALL, JUST FOR A SONG
GET OUT AND ROLL IT ALONG

(BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU, and MISSY bring out a marshmallow and candy-cane garland to hang on the tree as they sing back-up.)

SUZY (CONT'D)

IT'S A YUM-YUMMY WORLD MADE FOR SWEETHEARTS
TAKE A WALK WITH YOUR FAVORITE GIRL
IT'S A SUGAR DATE, WHAT IF SPRING IS LATE?

ALL

IN WINTER IT'S A MARSHMALLOW WORLD

(During the instrumental break, the girls strut forward in their hardware smocks.)

(They turn upstage, rip off the smocks, and reveal their Christmas dresses.)

BETTY JEAN

YOU WILL GET A SENTIMENTAL
FEELING WHEN YOU HEAR
VOICES SINGING:

MISSY, CL, SUZY

OOH

ALL

"LET'S BE JOLLY, DECK

(SUZY and CINDY LOU reveal signs to hang in the store. One reads: "COOL HOLIDAY SAVINGS BEGIN AT HARPER'S ON DEC. 26;" The other reads: "ALL XMAS ITEMS 1/2 OFF!")

BETTY JEAN

THE HALLS WITH

ALL

BOUGHS OF HOLLY"
ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

BETTY JEAN

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

ALL

EV'RYONE DANCING MERRILY

CINDY LOU

IT'S THE LITTLE SAINT NICK

BJ, MISSY, SUZY

AAH

SUZY

IT'S A MARSHMALLOW WORLD

(SUZY and CINDY LOU run to the sides to bring on large extension cords, one end with a big master box.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & SUZY
IN THE NEW OLD FASHIONED

(MISSY sings simultaneously with the above:)

MISSY
THAT'S THE JINGLE BELL, THAT'S THE JINGLE BELL

ALL
WAY

(BETTY JEAN plugs the lights into the extension cord.)

Lights!

(The girls pose on the final button as the various Christmas lights in the decorations, garlands, and tree come on.)

SUZY
Oh my golly – it's all so pretty!

BETTY JEAN
The guys in the lumber department helped put this together for us. Doesn't it look great?

MISSY
Thanks a lot you guys.

BETTY JEAN
What's next?

SUZY
Is it time for the elf?

MISSY
No, not the elf.

(Whispering down the line as before)

Introductions.

CINDY LOU

(whispering)

Introductions.

SUZY

(whispering)

Introductions.

BETTY JEAN

Got it. Let's see. I already welcomed you to the annual Harper's Hardware Holiday Happening!

(They all turn and quickly gesture back to the banner with a noise as before.)

ALL

Hhmmm.

SUZY

Or as I like to call it...

(They all join in.)

ALL

"Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho."

SUZY

Hey! That's right!

BETTY JEAN

I'm sure I told most of you about our singing group.

MISSY

(interrupting)

The Winter Wonderettes.

(MISSY, CINDY LOU, and SUZY mime snow and pose.)

MISSY, CINDY LOU & SUZY

(miming)

Snow, snow.

(Posing)

Hhmmm.

BETTY JEAN

Well I've been bugging Mr. Harper every day since we had our reunion concert last spring. He finally agreed to have us appear as tonight's entertainment. This is Missy...

MISSY

(showing off her wedding ring)

Recently happily married!

SUZY

To our high school choir teacher, Mr. Lee! Where is he, Missy?

(MISSY points to a gentleman in the audience, who is now her husband Mr. Lee (Bill) for the rest of the performance.)

MISSY

Right there.

[Add "Right there in the red shirt," etc. if needed to help identify him for the audience.]

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & SUZY

Hi, Mr. Lee!

MISSY

(loudly whispering to BILL)

I love you Bill.

(The girls acknowledge him.)

SUZY

Missy and Bill just got back from their honeymoon trip — around the world!

(SUZY illustrates "around the world" with a large arc of her hand, a gesture she repeats later whenever she repeats the phrase.)

CINDY LOU

I'll bet he sent you around the world...!

MISSY

Oh stop.

(MISSY throws Mr. Lee a kiss, followed by a panther growl.)

Rowr.

SUZY

And Missy made our dresses. Aren't they sparkly?

(They turn and model their dresses.)

MISSY

Butterick's Winter Wear Collection.

SUZY

And in a Christmas coincidence, I'm wearing blue in honor of our friends of the Jewish persuasion.

(She looks proudly to the others.)

Happy Hanukah!

(She mispronounces Hanukah as Hanookah. The girls correct her.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

Happy Hanukah!

(They form a living menorah, with arms and hands waving and flickering as lit candles.)

SUZY

They got it. I think they got it.

BETTY JEAN

And this is our Happy Homemaker, Suzy.

CINDY LOU

She's pregnant.

BETTY JEAN

Again!

CINDY LOU

She just had the twins in June.

(SUZY giggles maniacally.)

SUZY

I haven't slept in six months.

CINDY LOU

And the man responsible, Ritchie Stevens, he's running the lights.

SUZY

We're hoping for a little Ritchie Jr. this time. Isn't that right, Ritchie honey?!

(RITCHIE flashes the lights in response.)

He can set up all the lights in here but he can't fix the garbage disposal.

(The lights go out.)

Ritchie!

(The lights come back on.)

RITCHIE

Sorry.

BETTY JEAN

And this is my best friend since junior high, Cindy Lou.

CINDY LOU

Hello, happy hardware people.

BETTY JEAN

Cindy Lou has decided to leave for the big city at the beginning of the year.

CINDY LOU

Well, you know me, can't stay in one place too long.

BETTY JEAN

But if you got a job here at the hardware store, we could spend every day together!

CINDY LOU

Oh, God.

(BETTY JEAN gives her a take.)

I mean, seriously, my skill set is way above this two-bit hardware store.

(Glances out at the audience)

That was truly meant to stay inside my head.

BETTY JEAN

Maybe if we found you a new boyfriend, you'd stick around. How about Mitch from accounting? Or even better, how about one of the guys from Electrical Fixtures?

(BETTY JEAN refers and gestures to the band.)

(The band members all wave to CINDY LOU.)

CINDY LOU

How about all of the guys from Electrical Fixtures?

(The band members stand.)

No, no, no — just kidding. No musicians.

(Moving toward the girls)

That is a...

(MISSY and SUZY agree in unison with the above:)

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

Wonderette rule.

BETTY JEAN

Well, you know, there's always Bob in plumbing.

CINDY LOU

It's no use, Betty Jean.

BETTY JEAN

Okay, okay. It was worth a shot. But just so you know what you're missing...

(She takes her down to the front edge of the stage, pointing to Bob in the front row.)

That's Bob from plumbing right there.

MISSY & SUZY

(moving forward)

Ooh.

CINDY LOU

Hello, Bob.

SUZY

You're in plumbing – I'll bet you can fix a garbage disposal.

(The lights go out.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

Ritchie!!

(The lights come back on.)

(SUZY reacts.)

CINDY LOU

And of course everyone here knows Betty Jean. She's in Corporate Sales.

(BETTY JEAN reacts to the crowd.)

And I think you all know her husband, Johnny. He used to work in raw lumber. And where is Johnny tonight?

BETTY JEAN

(privately to Cindy Lou)

Hey, hey, hey! Ixnay on ohnny-J. End of discussion.

MISSY & SUZY

(under their breath)

Hmmmm.

(BETTY JEAN looks at MISSY and SUZY, prompting uncomfortable nervous laughter from them.)

(BETTY JEAN recovers simply.)

BETTY JEAN

I'm sure most of you were at the Springfield High Pigskin Classic Homecoming game last month.

MISSY

Chipmunks 3, Muskrats 0.

SUZY

We clobbered the pants off 'em.

BETTY JEAN

Go Chipmunks!

ALL

Go Chipmunks!

(They make Chipmunk faces and noises to the audience.)

BETTY JEAN

Back in the day the four of us were the Song Leaders at every home game.

CINDY LOU

Not like the cheerleaders they have now.

(They all agree.)

MISSY

C'mon – let's do the Chipmunk Cheer for old time's sake.

CINDY LOU

Do ya think?

BETTY JEAN

Go Chipmunks!

(SUZY hums a note. They all hum notes.)

#3 CHIPMUNK CHEER

SUZY

Ready?

ALL

Okay!

(Singing)

CHIPMUNK, CHIPMUNK, FLIP YOUR LITTLE TAIL
CHIPMUNK PRIDE WILL NEVER EVER FAIL
WE'RE THE TEAM YOU WON'T DEFEAT
WE'RE THE RODENTS YOU CAN'T BEAT
CHIPMUNK, CHIPMUNK, FLIP YOUR LITTLE TAIL

(They do a vocal drum roll.)

MISSY

WE'LL CLIMB YOUR TREE

SUZY
WE'LL PICK YOUR NUTS

CINDY LOU
WE'RE HERE TO SAY

BETTY JEAN
WE'LL KICK YOUR BUTTS!

ALL
GOOOOOOOO – CHIPMUNKS!

(They all jump and cheer, then make Chipmunk faces and noises once again.)

BETTY JEAN
What's next?

SUZY
Is it time for the Elf?

MISSY
No, not the Elf.

(Whispering as before)

Special dedication.

SUZY
(whispering)
Special dedication.

CINDY LOU
(whispering)
Special dedication.

BETTY JEAN
Right!

(Barking orders, pointing to each girl)

You do the thing, you say the thing, I'll get the thing.

*(BETTY JEAN heads toward the moving set of packages.
MISSY helps SUZY get started by pointing to her spot.)*

MISSY

Suzy...

(SUZY moves forward, MISSY moves toward the set of packages.)

SUZY

Last weekend Ritchie came in with all the guys in lumber and they put together this terrific set for us.

MISSY

Thanks again you guys!

(MISSY applauds again.)

SUZY

And as you all know, last weekend was our first huge snowstorm. The guys were trapped in here all night.

CINDY LOU

Ooh...!

SUZY

Cindy Lou, you make everything sound dirty.

CINDY LOU

It's a gift.

SUZY

Anyway, Ritchie had the guys in lumber make us something special. Watch this...!

(SUZY gestures and MISSY and BETTY JEAN roll the gift package units into the center, where they connect to create one large unit.)

MISSY

Thanks again, you guys.

(MISSY is moved to tears. SUZY comforts her.)

SUZY

The first day of snow is always the most special-est. You guys were stuck in here and you couldn't see how wonderful it was outside. So we'd like to dedicate this next song to you.

(Stage whispering up toward Ritchie)

SUZY (CONT'D)

Ritchie! Get the lights!

(The lights change as the music comes in. Twinkle lights give the illusion of falling snow.)

(They all sit on various levels of the gift packages.)

#4 SNOWFALL

ALL

OOOHH
SNOWFALL, SOFTLY
GENTLY DRIFT DOWN
SNOWFLAKES WHISPER

CINDY LOU & MISSY

'NEATH MY

BETTY JEAN & SUZY

'NEATH MY

ALL

WINDOW

BETTY JEAN

COV'RING TREES

CINDY LOU

MISTY LIGHT

ALL

VELVET LEAVES
'ROUND MY DOORSTEP
GENTLY, SOFTLY
SILENT SNOWFALL, SNOWFALL

SUZY

COV'RING TREES

MISSY

MISTY LIGHT

ALL

VELVET BREEZES

ALL (CONT'D)

OH, GENTLY, AND SOFTLY
SILENT SNOWFALL
SNOWFALL, SNOWFALL
OOH

(Applause.)

SUZY

And watch this: they even work in reverse.

(SUZY signals as MISSY and BETTY JEAN return the gift box units to their original positions.)

CINDY LOU

Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep...

MISSY

Thanks again, you guys.

(MISSY applauds them once again.)

BETTY JEAN

What's next?

SUZY

Is it time for the Elf?

MISSY

No, not the Elf.

(Whispering to Betty Jean)

It's time for Santa.

BETTY JEAN

It's time for Santa.

CINDY LOU

(whispering to Suzy)

It's time for Santa.

SUZY

(overly excited)

It's time for Santa!!

(SUZY runs to get the Santa bell from the mantle.)

(MISSY and CINDY LOU bring on the "Santa chair," on a platform with smart casters. The Santa chair is reminiscent of a Department Store display with Santa visiting children.)

BETTY JEAN

Right! Some of you newer employees may be wondering where Mr. Harper is. Well — he does this every year. We never see him during dinner, but soon we'll get a special visit from a "Jolly Old Soul" with the Bonus Envelopes!

(SUZY rings the Santa bell.)

SUZY

Oh Santa!

#5 THE MAN WITH THE BAG

MISSY

Suzy! That's for the end of the song!

(MISSY pushes SUZY front for her solo, taking the Santa bell and placing it back on the mantle.)

SUZY

OLD MR. KRINGLE IS SOON GONNA JINGLE
THE BELLS THAT'LL TINGLE ALL YOUR TROUBLES AWAY

ALL

EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG

SUZY

'CAUSE CHRISTMAS IS COMIN' AGAIN
HE'S GOT A SLEIGHFUL, IT'S NOT GONNA STAY FULL
HE'S GOT STUFF TO DROP AT EV'RY STOP OF THE WAY

ALL

EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG

SUZY

'CAUSE CHRISTMAS IS COMIN' AGAIN

ALL

HE'LL BE HERE
WITH THE ANSWERS TO THE PRAYERS

ALL (CONT'D)
THAT YOU'VE MADE THROUGH THE YEAR

SUZY
YOU'LL GET YOURS

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
IF YOU'VE DONE EV'RYTHING YOU SHOULD
EXTRA-SPECIAL GOOD

SUZY
HE'LL MAKE THIS DECEMBER THE ONE YOU'LL REMEMBER
THE BEST AND THE MERRIEST YOU EVER DID HAVE

ALL
EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG
CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN

(Exuberant dance break.)

MISSY
OLD MR. KRINGLE IS SOON GONNA JINGLE
THE BELLS THAT'LL TINGLE ALL YOUR TROUBLES AWAY

ALL
EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG

MISSY
CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN

CINDY LOU
HE'S GOT A SLEIGHFUL, IT'S NOT GONNA STAY FULL
HE'S GOT STUFF HE'S DROPPIN' EV'RY STOP OF THE WAY

ALL
EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG

CINDY LOU
CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN

ALL
HE'LL BE HERE
WITH THE ANSWERS TO THE PRAYERS
THAT YOU'VE MADE THROUGH THE YEAR

BETTY JEAN

(gesturing to the audience)
WE'LL ALL GET OUR BONUSSES

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

(to Betty Jean)
IF YOU'VE DONE EV'RYTHING YOU SHOULD

BETTY JEAN

HA! EXTRA-SPECIAL GOOD
HE'LL MAKE THIS DECEMBER THE ONE I'LL REMEMBER
THE BEST AND THE MERRIEST I EVER DID HAVE

(SUZY has gotten the Santa bell.)

SUZY

EV'RYBODY'S WAITIN'

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

WE'RE ALL WAITIN'

SUZY

THEY'RE ALL CONGREGATIN'

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

RIGHT HERE!

SUZY

WAITIN' FOR THE

ALL

MAN WITH THE BAG

(SUZY rings the Santa bell.)

SUZY

Here's Santa!

(They all gesture off-stage for Santa's entrance. Nothing happens.)

MISSY

Try again!

(SUZY rings the Santa bell again.)

SUZY

Here's Santa!

(They repeat the same gesture. Nothing.)

(SUZY rings the Santa bell repeatedly as MISSY crosses to her.)

CINDY LOU

How long does it take to put on a fat suit?

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

Sshhh!

(CINDY LOU covers her faux pas.)

CINDY LOU

I mean... how long does it take to fly from the North Pole?!

BETTY JEAN

I'll get him. Mr. Harper...!!

(BETTY JEAN runs offstage to look for Mr. Harper.)

SUZY

Obviously, it's not the real Santa. He's never late.

CINDY LOU

So now what, Missy?

SUZY

Is it time for the Elf?!

MISSY

No, not the Elf.

(Out to the audience)

Apparently, Santa is still busy in his workshop creating wonderful gifts for good little girls and boys.

CINDY LOU

(with derision)

Oh boy...

(MISSY shoots her a murderous look. CINDY LOU repeats the line with happiness and excitement.)

CINDY LOU (CONT'D)

Oh boy!!

MISSY

So while we're waiting for Santa to arrive, I think we should go on a special "Christmas Trip Around the World."

SUZY

(repeating the gesture from earlier)

Around the world.

(MISSY gets her travel bag, in which she's placed some of the props for the next section.)

CINDY LOU

Betty Jean!

(BETTY JEAN rushes on.)

BETTY JEAN

I can't find him anywhere.

CINDY LOU

It's okay. We're going around the world.

SUZY

(repeating gesture)

Around the world.

MISSY

Oh! I need the visual aid.

SUZY

I'll get it.

(With gesture)

We're going around the world.

(SUZY runs off to get the easel. BETTY JEAN crosses to MISSY, protesting.)

BETTY JEAN

Remember, I don't want to do that song.

MISSY

It's okay — it'll be just fine. In this special tribute to "Christmas Around the World"...

(SUZY has returned with a self-contained triangle easel, with cards that flip from front to back. The top card reads: "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD." She places the easel to the side.)

SUZY

(repeating gesture)

Around the world.

MISSY

...all of the songs I've chosen are about the many wonderful places that Bill took me on our honeymoon.

(MISSY speaks to Mr. Lee:)

"Yo te adoro, Bill."

#6 IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME ALL OVER THE WORLD

(MISSY hurriedly hands out sets of three large index cards to each of the girls. On the front of each card is the name of the language they sing.)

ALL

BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM

MISSY

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME ALL OVER THE WORLD
AND CHRISTMAS HERE AT HOME
THE CHURCH BELLS CHIME WHEREVER WE ROAM

(MISSY points to each as they reveal their cards, translating for the audience.)

BETTY JEAN

SO JOYEUX NOËL

MISSY

French.

FELIZ NATAL	CINDY LOU
Portuguese.	MISSY
GELLUKKIG KERSTFEEST	SUZY
That's Dutch.	MISSY
TO YOU!	ALL
THE SNOW IS THICK IN MOST OF THE WORLD AND CHILDREN'S EYES ARE WIDE AS OLD SAINT NICK GETS READY TO RIDE	MISSY
SO FELIZ NAVIDAD	BETTY JEAN
Spanish.	MISSY
CRÂCIUN FERICIT	CINDY LOU
Romanian.	MISSY
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR	SUZY
English!	MISSY
TO YOU!	ALL
THOUGH THE CUSTOMS MAY CHANGE	MISSY

SUZY
AND THE LANGUAGE IS STRANGE

BETTY JEAN & CINDY LOU
THIS APPEAL WE FEEL IS REAL

ALL
IN HOLLAND OR HONG KONG

MISSY
IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME ALL OVER THE WORLD
IN PLACES NEAR AND FAR
AND SO, MY FRIENDS, WHEREVER YOU ARE

BETTY JEAN
A FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!

MISSY
German.

CINDY LOU
KALA CHRISTOUGENA!

MISSY
Greek.

SUZY
YOI KURISUMASU!

MISSY
That's Japanese.

(They all bow.)

(Singing)

WHICH MEANS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

ALL
TO YOU!
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM,
BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM, BUM!

(Applause. MISSY stays center, bowing.)

MISSY

Domo Arigato.

(MISSY points to CINDY LOU, and with a "Tinkerbell" sound, CINDY LOU reveals the next card: MEXICO.)

#7 ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ SANTA CLAUS?

(BETTY JEAN turns the Santa chair backwards, and SUZY sits on her knees, peering over the back. She holds a Mexican blanket.)

SUZY

MAMA SITA, ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ SANTA CLAUS?
¿DÓNDE ESTÁ SANTA CLAUS?
AND THE TOYS THAT HE WILL BRRRRRING?

(SUZY breaks and smiles. Throughout the song she finds places to revel in her own performance.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

WHERE CAN HE BE?

SUZY

MAMA SITA, ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ
SANTA CLAUS?
OH, WHERE IS SANTA CLAUS?

BJ, CL, MISSY

OH, MAMA DEAR
OH, WHERE, OH, WHERE?
IS SANTA NEAR?

ALL

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE

SUZY

I KNOW THAT I SHOULD
BE STILL SLEEPING
BUT MAYBE HE'S NOT FAR AWAY
SO OUT OF THE WINDOW I'M PEEPING
HOPING TO SEE HIM IN HIS SLEIGH

BJ, CL, MISSY

LA LA LA
LA LA LA
OOH, FAR AWAY
YOU ARE PEEPING
HOPE I'LL SEE HIM IN HIS
SLEIGH

SUZY

I HOPE HE WON'T FORGET
TO CRACK HIS CASTANET

(They reveal and crack castanets.)

AND TO HIS REINDEER SAY:

SUZY (CONT'D)

"ON PANCHO

MISSY

ON VIXEN

BETTY JEAN

ON, PEDRO

CINDY LOU

ON BLITZEN

ALL

OLÉ
OLÉ
OLÉ!"

SUZY

MAMA SITA, ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ
SANTA CLAUS?
OH WHERE IS SANTA CLAUS?

BJ, CL, MISSY

OOH
OOH
OOH

ALL

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

YOU KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD BE STILL SLEEPING

SUZY

BUT MAYBE HE'S NOT FAR AWAY

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

SO OUT OF THE WINDOW YOU'RE PEEPING

SUZY

YES, I'M PEEPING
HOPING TO SEE HIM IN HIS SLEIGH
I HOPE HE WON'T FORGET
TO CRACK HIS CASTANET

BJ, CL, MISSY

IN HIS SLEIGH
OOH

ALL

AND TO HIS REINDEER SAY:

"ON PANCHO
ON VIXEN
ON, PEDRO

ALL (CONT'D)

ON BLITZEN
OLÉ
OLÉ
OLÉ!"

SUZY
MAMA SITA, ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ
SANTA CLAUS?
OH WHERE IS SANTA CLAUS?

BJ, CL, MISSY
OOH
OOH
OOH

ALL

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE

*(Each of the following lines gets softer and softer as they
move SUZY back to her chair.)*

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE

(The final "Olé" is whispered as SUZY falls asleep.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

OLÉ!

(SUZY smiles on the button.)

(Applause. SUZY steps forward.)

SUZY

Gracias.

*(The "Tinkerbelle" sound cue again signals CINDY LOU, who
reveals the next card on the easel: "HAWAII." BETTY JEAN,
CINDY LOU, and SUZY all put on leis. BETTY JEAN stands
behind the package unit, and CINDY LOU and SUZY sit at
each side on the bottom level.)*

*(MISSY has gone behind the fireplace, and reappears with a
flower lei and wrist leis. MISSY sits atop the top gift box on
the side unit.)*

*(The girls, led by MISSY, all do modified hula hands during the
song. They are somehow reminiscent of a combination of
hula and sign language, which MISSY has taught in school.)*

#8 MELE KALIKIMAKA

MISSY

Aloha!

(Singing)

MELE KALIKIMAKA IS THE THING TO SAY
ON A BRIGHT HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS DAY

*(They move the package float center, using their feet to push
and pull the "float.")*

ALL

THAT'S THE ISLAND GREETING THAT WE SEND TO YOU

MISSY

FROM THE LAND WHERE
PALM TREES SWAY
HERE WE KNOW THAT
CHRISTMAS WILL BE

BJ, CL, SUZY
OOH

ALL

GREEN AND BRIGHT

MISSY

THE SUN TO SHINE BY DAY, AND ALL THE

ALL

STARS AT NIGHT

MISSY

MELE KALIKIMAKA IS

BJ, CL, SUZY
AHH

ALL

HAWAII'S WAY
TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU"

*(BETTY JEAN passes ukuleles to SUZY and CINDY LOU as well
as one for herself (from underneath the gift box float).)*

(MISSY steps out front.)

MISSY

They taught us this hula at the Tiki Bar.

(MISSY performs a delightful hula-esque dance.)

(Halfway through, BETTY JEAN decides to enhance MISSY's solo, and trades her ukulele for a harmonica. She stands center on the gift box float as she adds a flourish from "Oh Susannah.")

(MISSY turns to argue with BETTY JEAN, who sits center on the float just in time for MISSY to turn and finish the song.)

(MISSY hulas back and forth, with the girls moving the float behind her, using their ukuleles as "paddles.")

MISSY

HERE WE KNOW THAT CHRISTMAS WILL BE

ALL

GREEN AND BRIGHT

MISSY

THE SUN TO SHINE BY DAY, AND ALL THE

ALL

STARS AT NIGHT

MISSY

MELE KALIKIMAKA IS

BJ, CL, SUZY

AHH

ALL

HAWAII'S WAY

TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY, MERRY, MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU"

(BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU, and SUZY play the "nose harp" for the final chord before posing for the button.)

(Applause.)

MISSY

Mahalo. Mahalo very much.

(MISSY holds out her hand toward BETTY JEAN. BETTY JEAN takes off her lei and hands it to MISSY.)

(MISSY clears her throat and holds out her hand again.)

(BETTY JEAN dejectedly gives her the harmonica.)

(When MISSY receives the harmonica, she points to CINDY LOU, who reveals the next card accompanied by the "Tinkerbell" sound cue: "GERMANY.")

(BETTY JEAN sees the card and becomes agitated.)

BETTY JEAN

Germany?! Missy – I told you I wanted to do France!

MISSY

Just do as you're told for once.

(MISSY puts down the harmonica, and gets choir books from her travel bag.)

#9 O TANNENBAUM

BETTY JEAN

But Missy...

(MISSY passes out the choir books.)

MISSY

Sshhh!

(They all hold up their choir books to sing.)

ALL

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE
A TREE SO FAIR AND FAITHFUL

(They all turn rigidly to a right angle.)

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE
TO YOU WE ARE SO GRATEFUL

(BETTY JEAN turns left.)

(MISSY signals with her eyes to turn back.)

YOUR BOUGHS ARE GREEN IN SUMMER'S GLOW

(Just as BETTY JEAN makes it back angled right, the others all turn and angle left.)

(BETTY JEAN tries to correct herself.)

ALL (CONT'D)

AND DO NOT FADE IN WINTER'S SNOW

(And just as she does, they all turn facing front again.)

(BETTY JEAN gives up and turns out.)

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE
A TREE SO FAIR AND LOVELY

(CINDY LOU, MISSY, and SUZY all step back. BETTY JEAN realizes she's front and center alone and steps back with them. MISSY pushes a protesting BETTY JEAN out for the solo line.)

MISSY

Sing the solo.

BETTY JEAN

O TANNENBAUM, O TANNENBAUM
WIE TREU SIND DEINE BLÄTTER

(She does a small curtsy and returns to the line with the others.)

MISSY

There's more.

(MISSY pushes her back out. BETTY JEAN over-enunciates the rest of the song.)

BETTY JEAN

WIE TREU SIND DEINE BLÄTTER
DU GRÜNST NICHT NUR ZUR SOMMERZEIT

MISSY, CL, SUZY

OOH

(On the word "Grunst," SUZY repeats it, and they get the "church giggles" behind BETTY JEAN.)

BETTY JEAN

NEIN AUCH IM WINTER WENN ES SCHNEIT

(They hold the choir books in front of their faces, shaking with laughter.)

BETTY JEAN
O TANNENBAUM, O TANNENBAUM
WIE TREU SIND DEINE BLÄTTER

MISSY, CL, SUZY
OOH

(BETTY JEAN turns on the oohs, trying to catch them laughing. They hold their choir books back down with straight faces.)

ALL
OOH
WIE TREU SIND DEINE BLÄTTER

BETTY JEAN
Danke.

(BETTY JEAN slams her choir book shut on the button.)

(They pass their choir books down to MISSY.)

MISSY
Thank you, Betty Jean. That was well enunciated.

SUZY
It was very German.

CINDY LOU
And now we know what life is really like behind the iron curtain.

SUZY
(over-enunciating to Cindy Lou)
Auccchhh...!

(SUZY and CINDY LOU gather together to giggle.)

(MISSY takes the choir books back to her travel bag.)

BETTY JEAN
(to Missy)
Missy, that song didn't really show me off. What if I sang something French and full of "amour"?

MISSY
We don't need any "a-more" from you!

(This gets SUZY and CINDY LOU giggling again.)

MISSY (CONT'D)

You've already done more than enough.

(MISSY picks up the harmonica and blows a series of notes up and down the scale at BETTY JEAN. She holds the harmonica up accusingly.)

BETTY JEAN

But, but, but— if, if, if...

(MISSY cutes her off with a noisy gesture.)

MISSY

If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, we'd all have a merry Christmas.

(MISSY puts the harmonica in her travel bag.)

BETTY JEAN

What the hell does that mean?

MISSY

Betty Jean! Language!

CINDY LOU

Oh Betty Jean. Let me show you how to do it with a little amor !

(Calling to the band)

Hit it, boys!

#10 WE WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO
--

(CINDY LOU struts toward the easel, revealing the next card accompanied by the "Tinkerbelle" sound cue: "CARIBBEAN." She accompanies the card turn with a vocal bump.)

Huh!

I WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
MAMBO, SANTA CLAUS

ALL

WE WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
MAMBO, SANTA CLAUS

CINDY LOU

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING ME A GOSH-DARN THING
BUT B.J. REALLY NEEDS SOME JOY
MISSY DOESN'T NEED A DIAMOND RING
AND SUZY JUST WANTS A BOY

ALL

WE WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
MAMBO, SANTA CLAUS

CINDY LOU

I LIKE YOUR TUMMY THAT'S BIG AND ROUND
YOUR KISSES HAVE GOT AROUND
JUST WANNA SEE YOU MAMBO
AND I HOPE YOU WON'T LET US DOWN

ALL

WE WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
MAMBO, SANTA CLAUS

(BETTY JEAN, MISSY, and SUZY get maracas.)

(During the following CINDY LOU mambos, a bit too suggestively toward Bob.)

CINDY LOU

THE MAMBO!
THE MAMBO!
HI BOB!

(BETTY JEAN rushes down with her maracas, mimicking CINDY LOU. It turns into a strange and weird Mambo war.)

BETTY JEAN

HI BOB!

THE MAMBO!

CINDY LOU

THE MAMBO!

BETTY JEAN & CINDY LOU

*(BETTY JEAN and CINDY LOU are now spoiling for a fight.
MISSY and SUZY rush down to stop the fight from escalating.
One of the girls brings maracas to CINDY LOU.)*

Hey!

MISSY & SUZY

ALL

WE WANNA SEE
SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
MAMBO, SANTA CLAUS

WE WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO, THE MAMBO
THE MAMBO
THE MAMBO
THE MAMBO

CINDY LOU
I WANNA SEE SANTA DO THE MAMBO

Huh!
(Speaking)

(Applause. BETTY JEAN confronts MISSY.)

BETTY JEAN
I don't get it, Missy. This is my company Christmas party. Why did you give Cindy Lou the sexy song and give me the dorky one?

MISSY
Because Cindy Lou is the best at being sexy.

BETTY JEAN
And I'm the best at being dorky?

MISSY

That's not what I said.

BETTY JEAN

That's what I heard.

MISSY

What I meant was, I needed someone strong to represent a very strong European country. You're very strong, right, Suzy?

(SUZY attempts to help.)

SUZY

That's right, Betty Jean. She was worried that none of us were strong enough to carry it off. She thinks you're strong like Germany. Strong, frosty and cold.

(CINDY LOU laughs.)

BETTY JEAN

What am I, beer?!?

(MISSY reaches for the Santa bell and rings it. CINDY LOU begins the song a cappella, speaking the first line.)

#11 SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
--

CINDY LOU

Hey!

YOU BETTER NOT SHOUT!

BETTY JEAN

(shouting)

I am not shouting!

(CINDY LOU holds up her hand, cutting her off.)

CINDY LOU

YOU BETTER NOT CRY

(MISSY and SUZY get it.)

MISSY & SUZY

Oh!

CINDY LOU
YOU BETTER NOT POUT
I'M

(CINDY LOU wails on the word "I'm.")

Wow!
SUZY

CINDY LOU
TELLING YOU WHY

(Music in with percussive pickup.)

C'mon girls!

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

CINDY LOU
HE'S MAKING A LIST, HE'S CHECKING IT TWICE
HE'S GONNA FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY OR NICE

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

CINDY LOU
HE SEES WHEN YOU ARE SLEEPING
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE

He knows!
MISSY & SUZY

CINDY LOU
HE KNOWS IF YOU'VE BEEN BAD OR GOOD

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
SO BE GOOD FOR GOODNESS SAKE!
FOR GOODNESS SAKE!

BETTY JEAN
OH! I BETTER WATCH OUT

Out!

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

I BETTER NOT CRY

BETTY JEAN

Cry!

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

I BETTER NOT POUT

BETTY JEAN

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
WE'RE TELLING YOU WHY

ALL
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
YEAH!

(SUZY gets the Santa bell.)

SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

(They pull out the Santa chair, and present offstage for Santa's entrance as before.)

(SUZY rings the Santa bell.)

Here's Santa!

SUZY

(No Santa.)

Mr. Harper!!

BETTY JEAN

Now what?

CINDY LOU

Maybe he didn't hear. Try again! Turns!

MISSY

ALL

SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
YEAH!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

(SUZY rings the Santa bell.)

Here's Santa!

(They gesture again with same result. SUZY rings the bell as hard as possible and shouts off:)

SUZY

Here's Santa!!!!

BETTY JEAN

Oh for Pete's sake! Mr. Harper!!

(BETTY JEAN rushes off.)

(SUZY returns the Santa bell.)

SUZY

Oh my golly, I'm having deja vues all over again!

CINDY LOU

So now what do we do?

SUZY

Is it time for the Elf?

(MISSY has nothing left in her entertainment arsenal. She must finally relent to the Elf.)

MISSY

Now it's time for the Elf!

(SUZY is elated beyond words.)

(CINDY LOU moves the Santa chair back out of the way.)

SUZY

Yippee! It's time to find the Elf! You have to find the Elf! There's this Elf and you have to find him!

*(SUZY continues across the stage adlibbing about the Elf until
MISSY calms her down.)*

MISSY

Suzy, settle down.

(SUZY breathes heavily and deliberately, calming herself.)

One of the Christmas traditions Suzy's mother and father had was the annual "Hiding of the Elf."

CINDY LOU

Talk about dirty...!

SUZY

No. It was fun.

MISSY

Every Christmas Eve Suzy's parents would hide a little stuffed Elf somewhere in their house. Whoever found it first would get a special gift. Tonight...

SUZY

I hid the Elf! I hid the Elf! I hid it!

MISSY

...Suzy has hidden an Elf somewhere...

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

In here.

(They gesture all around as the house lights come up.)

MISSY

So now it's time to play...

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

Find the Elf!

(They pause and stare at the audience.)

SUZY

This is real! You gotta find the Elf!

(They urge the audience to look for the Elf.)

Look on the floor, look on a shelf, who will find the magic Elf?

(They should all speak to audience members throughout, stopping for the following lines:)

CINDY LOU

Suzy, I think we need a hint.

SUZY

Okay: Look high!

(More time for looking.)

CINDY LOU

Suzy, I think we need another hint.

SUZY

Okay: Look low!

(More time for looking)

Look in someone's purse...

MISSY

Suzy, we can't find it anywhere. What does it look like?

(SUZY gets the Elf from the fireplace mantle. She holds it up.)

SUZY

It looks like this.

(All three gasp at the same time.)

Close your eyes!!!!

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

Close your eyes, everyone! Close your eyes!

(They repeat this as SUZY goes out and finds someone who has their eyes closed. She throws the Elf under their feet.)

SUZY

Find the Elf! Find the Elf!

(Ad-libs all around. When someone holds up the Elf.)

You found the Elf! You found the Elf! You get a prize!

(SUZY goes to the mantle to get the prize.)

MISSY

Congratulations. Because of your amazing abilities at "elf-finding," your prize is a devilishly delicious and heavenly wholesome Hostess Ho-Ho.

SUZY

Get it? Ho-Ho?

(She holds out the foil-wrapped Ho-Ho, then pulls it back, holding out her free hand)

Hand over the Elf! Hand over the Elf!

(SUZY trades the Elf for the Ho-Ho. The girls gather around SUZY.)

Doesn't that look yummy? Let's watch him eat.

MISSY

No, no, no. You enjoy your special prize, and thank you all for playing:

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

"Find the Elf!"

(The house lights fade out.)

SUZY

I think that went good.

(MISSY and CINDY LOU react.)

MISSY

Now let's see if Santa is ready to make his appearance.

(SUZY gets the Santa bell as MISSY and CINDY LOU cross their fingers. SUZY rings the bell.)

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

Here's Santa!

(They gesture as before. BETTY JEAN runs on. CINDY LOU, MISSY, and SUZY groan.)

BETTY JEAN

I can't find him. But I did find the Christmas Bonus Envelopes!

(She holds them up in triumph. They are packs of envelopes tied together with a red velvet ribbon, with a green piece of paper on top.)

CINDY LOU

Betty Jean!

BETTY JEAN

I know. Right there in the open. Can you believe it?

(She opens the ribbon and pulls out the colored paper)

Look! It's a note from Mr. Harper.

(She reads)

"Don't you dare," underlined, underlined, "pass these out until Santa arrives." Well Santa has left the building.

(She tosses the green paper aside.)

MISSY

Betty Jean Reynolds. You can't pass those out without Mr. Harper.

BETTY JEAN

Oh, I'm practically the Vice President of the company. I think I'm allowed.

(She passes out small piles of envelopes to each of the girls.)

Girls, help pass these out...

(House lights up as CINDY LOU, MISSY, and SUZY help get these passed out to audience members.)

(BETTY JEAN starts going through her pile.)

Not mine, not mine, not mine, not... Oh, here you go, Bob.

(She gives one to Bob down front.)

(She now gets everyone's attention.)

BETTY JEAN (CONT'D)

Hey! Now nobody open them yet. We'll do it all together, okay? We'll all open them at the same time.

(BETTY JEAN passes some out to the front rows.)

(They all keep instructing everyone: "Don't open them – no peeking," etc.)

(Everyone returns to the stage. CINDY LOU is up last.)

Hey – who has mine?!

CINDY LOU

(handing envelope to Betty Jean)

I've got yours right here. Oh my God, I can't wait to see how much we got.

(A small take from BETTY JEAN.)

You got.

BETTY JEAN

Okay everyone: open your bonus envelopes!

(General commotion from the audience as they open the envelopes, pulling out pink slips.)

(On one side it should read in big bold letters: "YOU'RE FIRED! Happy Holidays.")

(BETTY JEAN should wait a few moments, not hearing anything the audience actually says.)

How much is it? How much did we get?

(The house lights come down, helping focus the audience back to the stage.)

CINDY LOU

Oh for God's sakes, just open it up.

(BETTY JEAN rips open the envelope and pulls out the pink slip.)

SUZY

Ooh— It's pink. How pretty.

CINDY LOU

That can't be right.

(Takes the pink slip and reads aloud)

"As of December Thirty-First, Harper's Hardware will be closing its doors..."

(SUZY takes the slip and continues reading.)

SUZY

"Thank you for your many years of dedication and hard work." Isn't that nice?

(MISSY and CINDY LOU stage whisper into SUZY's ears.)

CINDY LOU & MISSY

"She got fired."

(SUZY reacts toward BETTY JEAN.)

SUZY

Oh.

(They whisper again, gesturing out.)

CINDY LOU & MISSY

"They all got fired."

(She finally gets it. She reacts out.)

SUZY

Ohhh! I'm so sorry...

(SUZY puts the pink slip on the mantle.)

CINDY LOU

Betty Jean, are you all right?

BETTY JEAN

I'm just terrific. Fired at Christmas. And I thought this holiday couldn't get any worse.

CINDY LOU

Betty Jean...

BETTY JEAN

I was hoping for one good thing this Christmas, ya know? That's all I wanted.

SUZY

You've got a lot of things to be thankful for, Betty Jean.

BETTY JEAN

Name one.

(SUZY turns to MISSY for help.)

MISSY

You've got us.

BETTY JEAN

Yeah? For how long? My best friend is leaving town again. Just like Johnny.

CINDY LOU

I thought you and Johnny had worked things out.

BETTY JEAN

I thought we did too. Johnny didn't have the stomach for it though, so he left. He didn't even have the courtesy to tell me to my face. He left his ring on the nightstand and left town in the middle of the night.

#12 CHRISTMAS WILL BE JUST ANOTHER LONELY DAY

(The girls sing back-up throughout.)

Isn't that a kick? Just before the holidays.

(Singing)

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE AND SNOW IS ON THE GROUND
MISTLETOE AND HOLLY ALL AROUND
YES ALL THE WORLD IS HAPPY
BUT SINCE YOU WENT AWAY
MY CHRISTMAS WILL BE JUST

ALL

ANOTHER LONELY DAY
ANOTHER LONELY DAY

BETTY JEAN
MY TREE IS TRIMMED WITH
PRETTY COLORED LIGHTS
AND AT THE TOP THE
CHRISTMAS STAR SHINES BRIGHT
YES EVERY THING AROUND ME
IS VERY BRIGHT AND GAY
BUT CHRISTMAS WILL BE JUST

CL, MISSY, SUZY
OOH

OOH
OOH
AAH
AAH

ALL

ANOTHER LONELY DAY
ANOTHER LONELY DAY

BETTY JEAN
I HAD A LONELY SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER TOO
BUT DECEMBER IS TWICE AS
LONELY WITHOUT YOU
WITHOUT YOU

CL, MISSY, SUZY

AAH

YOU
WITHOUT YOU
OOH I'M LONELY
WITHOUT YOU

FOR SOON IT WILL BE
TIME FOR SANTA CLAUS
AND SURELY HE WILL
BRING YOU BACK BECAUSE
WITHOUT YOU HERE BESIDE ME
MY WORLD WILL BE SO GRAY
AND CHRISTMAS WILL BE JUST

AAH
AHH

AAH

ALL

ANOTHER LONELY DAY
ANOTHER LONELY DAY

BETTY JEAN

A LONELY DAY

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

A LONELY DAY

BETTY JEAN

ANOTHER LONELY

ALL

DAY

(Blackout.)

END OF ACT I

ACT II

About fifteen minutes later.

(Lights up on a big rock 'n' roll number. The girls enter one by one as they sing. They have on antler headbands, tied behind their necks.)

#13 RUN, RUDOLPH, RUN

MISSY

OUT OF ALL THE REINDEER
YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE MASTERMIND

(She gestures for SUZY's entrance.)

SUZY

RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH
RANDALL AIN'T TOO FAR BEHIND

(They gesture for CINDY LOU's entrance.)

CINDY LOU

RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH
SANTA'S GOT TO MAKE IT TO TOWN

(They gesture for BETTY JEAN's entrance. BETTY JEAN is not there.)

MISSY

Where is she?

CINDY LOU

Late as usual.

SUZY

I told her we were starting.

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

TELL HIM HE CAN TAKE THE FREEWAY DOWN

MISSY

RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH
REELING LIKE A MERRY-GO-ROUND

(To the others)

MISSY (CONT'D)

Someone has to do her part!

(Singing)

SAID SANTA TO A BOY CHILD:
"WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LONGIN' FOR?"

SUZY

Cindy Lou — you do it!

CINDY LOU

(channeling Betty Jean)
"ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A
ROCK 'N' ROLL ELECTRIC GUITAR!"

MISSY

That was good!

SUZY

You sound just like her!

MISSY

AND THEN AWAY WENT RUDOLPH

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
WHIZZING LIKE A SHOOTING STAR!
RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH

SUZY
SANTA'S GOT TO MAKE IT TO TOWN
SANTA MAKE HIM HURRY
TELL HIM HE CAN TAKE THE FREEWAY DOWN

CINDY LOU & MISSY
TELL HIM HE CAN TAKE THE FREEWAY DOWN

SUZY
RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
REELING LIKE A MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Music continues.)

(BETTY JEAN appears at the back of the house with a plastic cup of beer. She is wearing her antlers around her neck.)

BETTY JEAN

Hey! You started without me!

MISSY

Betty Jean! You missed your cue!

SUZY

(to Cindy Lou)

I told her we were starting.

BETTY JEAN

I was just getting a beer.

CINDY LOU

Ooh — she was at the bar. What a shock.

BETTY JEAN

Suzy — I told you to tell me when we were starting!

SUZY

(to Betty Jean)

I did tell you!

(To Missy)

I promise I told her...

CINDY LOU

Don't worry, I sang your part for you.

BETTY JEAN

Start the song over.

MISSY

We can't start over. Just jump in where we left off.

(Singing)

SAID SANTA TO A GIRL CHILD:

"WHAT WOULD PLEASE YOU MOST TO GET?"

(MISSY points to BETTY JEAN, indicating where she should stand.)

MISSY (CONT'D)

(Speaking)

Betty Jean!

BETTY JEAN

Oh, I don't know. Let me think. How about a job?!

(She toasts the audience.)

Bottoms up, everyone!

(MISSY angrily gestures for BETTY JEAN to put the beer down on the mantle.)

MISSY

AND THEN AWAY WENT RUDOLPH
WHIZZING LIKE A SABER JET

ALL

YEAH!
RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH

BETTY JEAN

SANTA NEVER MADE IT TO TOWN

(MISSY reacts to BETTY JEAN.)

(Speaking)

Well, he didn't!

SUZY

SANTA MAKE HIM HURRY
TELL HIM HE CAN TAKE THE FREEWAY DOWN

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

TELL HIM HE CAN TAKE THE FREEWAY DOWN

SUZY

RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH

ALL
REELING LIKE A MERRY-GO-ROUND

MISSY
Here we go!

(Dance break.)

ALL
HUH! HUH! HUH! HUH!
RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH
REELING LIKE A MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Applause. BETTY JEAN picks up her beer.)

MISSY
Hi everyone, we're back.

(They repeat the Wonderettes pose with the snow.)

ALL
(miming)
Snow, snow.

(Posing)

Hhmmm.

MISSY
It seems that everyone is doing fine after... uh... after the, uh...

SUZY
The pink slips?

CINDY LOU
The beheadings?

BETTY JEAN
The wholesale dismissal of our lives?

(They are all looking at MISSY for her answer.)

MISSY
Let's just call it the "holiday event" and move forward.

BETTY JEAN

Don't worry. Bob cracked open the keg out front. We're all doing just fine. Thanks Bob!

(BETTY JEAN toasts Bob. MISSY encourages BETTY JEAN to continue the evening's program.)

MISSY

Okay, Betty Jean. What's next?

BETTY JEAN

Listen, Missy. I just don't feel like being in charge anymore. You're doing great.

(BETTY JEAN toasts to MISSY and takes a swig. She takes off her antlers and continues to drink during the following.)

SUZY

(whispering to Missy)

It's okay. You're better at it.

MISSY

Okay then. Since we all just experienced a rather unpleasant holiday event...

SUZY

You mean the pink slips?

MISSY

(quickly and quietly admonishing)

Yes! The holiday pink slip event.

SUZY

(quickly to audience)

I'm so sorry!

MISSY

...perhaps we could share some of our happier Christmas memories.

(SUZY gets excited.)

BETTY JEAN

You know, I'm gonna have Christmas nightmares if you don't get those things off your heads!

(They realize they still have on their antlers.)

MISSY

Oh! Antlers...!

(They take them off and pass them down to MISSY, who places them on the counter.)

CINDY LOU

Hair check!

(They all line up next to CINDY LOU by the gift packages at the tree. CINDY LOU opens a package, which hinges at the back and stays open. On the inside of the lid is an advertisement, along with a can of Aquanet Hairspray. CINDY LOU grabs the can and proudly displays it.)

Aquanet. Hardware for your hair.

(Looks at the label and reads)

Shake well before use. Okay.

(She shimmies and shakes while holding the can.)

(She then sprays a steady stream of hairspray into the air as the girls all pass under it.)

Go! Go! Go! Go! Go!

(CINDY LOU dips her head under the last little bit of spray and puts the can back and closes the lid. The others check each other to fix whatever the antler headbands may have done to their wigs. As they continue to fuss with their hair, Suzy quietly begs to go first.)

SUZY

(whispering)

Me first, me first...!

MISSY

So Suzy – would you like to share a happy Christmas memory?

SUZY

Oh my golly, there's so many. Of course there's the Elf!

(The others react.)

SUZY (CONT'D)

There's running down the stairs on Christmas morning to see what Santa brung.

(She holds up her crossed fingers)

And there was always Dad's special homemade Christmas Spurkey.

CINDY LOU

Wait— Spurkey?

SUZY

Spurkey. Spam in the shape of a turkey.

(Reactions.)

I made it for Ritchie last year. It was pretty good.

(The lights go out.)

Richard...

(Lights back up. The others suppress laughter as SUZY glares at Ritchie.)

Anyhow, my most favorite thing was the first day of snow. Every morning in December I'd jump out of bed, I'd rush to the window...

#14 SUZY SNOWFLAKE

And if it was snowing out, this is what Mom would say:

(In time to the music)

"Wheee! Look who's coming!"

(Singing)

HERE COME SUZY SNOWFLAKE
DRESSED IN A SNOW-WHITE GOWN
TAP, TAP, TAPPIN' AT YOUR WINDOWPANE
TO TELL YOU SHE'S IN TOWN

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

HERE COMES SUZY SNOWFLAKE
SOON YOU WILL HEAR HER SAY:

SUZY
"COME OUT EV'RYONE AND PLAY WITH ME
I HAVEN'T LONG TO STAY

BJ, CL, MISSY
OOH
OOH
AHH

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A SNOWMAN

SUZY
I'LL HELP YOU MAKE ONE

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY
ONE, TWO THREE

SUZY
IF YOU WANNA TAKE A SLEIGH RIDE

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY
WHOOSH!

SUZY
THE RIDE'S ON ME!"

(Speaking)

Get it?

ALL
HERE COMES SUZY SNOWFLAKE
LOOK AT HER TUMBLIN' DOWN
BRINGING JOY TO EV'RY GIRL AND BOY
SUZY'S COME TO TOWN

SUZY
Wait! I have a surprise!
(SUZY exits.)

BETTY JEAN
Suzy...!

CINDY LOU
Where's she going?

MISSY

Suzy's been working all week on this surprise.

BETTY JEAN

I can't take any more surprises.

MISSY

Just go to the beginning.

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

HERE COMES SUZY SNOWFLAKE

SOON YOU WILL HEAR HER SAY:

SUZY

(shouting from off-stage)

Just a minute! I'm not ready yet. Keep singing!

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

HERE COMES SUZY SNOWFLAKE

DRESSED IN A SNOW-WHITE GOWN

(SUZY rushes out, dressed as a snowflake, covered in rhinestones. It is reminiscent of a baby Snuggly, and when she spreads her arms, she makes the shape of a snowflake. She has a "snowflake wand," and wears tap shoes.)

SUZY

COME OUT EV'RYONE AND PLAY WITH ME

(SUZY does a cartwheel to the center.)

SUZY'S BACK IN TOWN

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A SNOWMAN

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

WE'LL HELP YOU MAKE ONE

BETTY JEAN

ONE

CINDY LOU

TWO

MISSY

THREE

SUZY
THEN TO FINISH OFF YOUR SNOWMAN

(They back up.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY
WHOOSH!

(Now comes SUZY's tap solo. It starts slowly, reminiscent of a child's first recital. In time to the music:)

SUZY
Tap, tap, tap! Tap, tap, tap!
I'm in town!
Tap, tap!
Tap, tap!
I haven't long to stay!

(The tap gets more intricate as it goes into stop time. When the music cuts altogether, SUZY goes into an incredible tap break, surprising even MISSY. Partway through, the lights dim, and the snowflake on Suzy's costume lights up.)

(SUZY ends with 12 sets of wings, and the girls count with her as she performs them. The first eight are perfect, the next four we can tell she's done and ready to stop altogether. They come to her rescue and sit her in the Santa chair. They fan her as they roll her down along the front of the stage.)

ALL
HERE COMES SUZY SNOWFLAKE
LOOK AT HER TUMBLING DOWN

(SUZY is winded and out of breath.)

SUZY
BRINGING JOY TO EV'RY GIRL AND BOY
SUZY'S COME TO TOWN

BJ, CL, MISSY
OOH
OOH

(SUZY gets up for her final tap moment and pose.)

ALL
SUZY'S COME TO TOWN

SUZY

Wheeeeeeee!

(The others applaud as SUZY curtseys.)

CINDY LOU

Cute outfit.

SUZY

Thanks. Missy helped.

BETTY JEAN

Surprise.

SUZY

Missy, help.

*(SUZY crosses to MISSY for help in getting out of the outfit.
They struggle, turning the wrong way and pulling at sleeves.)*

BETTY JEAN

This looks like another Christmas nightmare in the making.

*(MISSY finally pulls the snowflake down to SUZY's knees,
revealing SUZY's rump, facing the audience.)*

CINDY LOU

Look! A full moon at Christmas!

*(MISSY quickly covers her back up. SUZY turns front, holding
the entire outfit between her legs with the wand in between her teeth.)*

*(She giggles nervously, and "Buffalo shuffles" off as best as
she can.)*

I'm not going to follow that. Are you going to follow that?

BETTY JEAN

I'm not going to follow that.

BETTY JEAN & CINDY LOU

Let's get Missy.

CINDY LOU

So Missy — what's your favorite Christmas memory?

MISSY

Oh — thanks for asking. I loved every December evening when Nana and I would get in our jammies, sit in front of the fire with a nice hot cup of cocoa, and make everyone's Christmas presents. And I made something extra special for each of you this year!

(MISSY gets gift boxes from under the tree and passes them out to the girls. SUZY returns.)

CINDY LOU

You didn't have to do that...

BETTY JEAN

I didn't get you anything.

SUZY

Oh my golly, it's just like Christmas.

(They all look at SUZY. SUZY looks behind her to see what they are looking at.)

MISSY

Okay everyone, open your gifts.

(They open the gifts, revealing stockings for the fireplace.)

(Each is unique to their character. They hang them by the chimney as they thank MISSY. MISSY also has a stocking to hang.)

(When the stockings are hung, MISSY continues.)

This year will be my first Christmas as a happily married woman...

(Stage whispering to Mr. Lee again)

"I love you, Bill!"

(Back to the girls)

...and I'm hoping to create some new happy Christmas memories.

#15 THIS CHRISTMAS

(We hear a simple bell tone.)

(The first part of the song is a cappella.)

MISSY (CONT'D)

HANG ALL THE MISTLETOE
I'M GONNA GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER
THIS CHRISTMAS
AND AS WE TRIM THE TREE
HOW MUCH FUN IT'S GONNA BE, TOGETHER
THIS CHRISTMAS

THE FIRESIDE IS BLAZING BRIGHT

(MISSY gestures to the fire, but it's not on.)

*(SUZY flips a switch, and the fireplace lights up and flickers.
MISSY reacts.)*

WE'LL BE CAROLING THROUGH THE NIGHT

(Music in.)

MISSY
AND THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE
A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FOR ME

CL, BJ, SUZY
AAH
AAH

(Speaking)

I have a present for you too, Bill.

(She goes to the tree and opens another gift box. She pulls out a sheer red baby doll nightie with Marabou trim. She holds it against herself as she turns around to show the girls. MISSY turns front, lines herself up under the mistletoe and vamps directly at Mr. Lee.)

HANG ALL THE MISTLETOE
I'M GONNA GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER

ALL

THIS CHRISTMAS

MISSY
AND AS WE TRIM THE TREE
HOW MUCH FUN IT'S GONNA
BE, TOGETHER

CL, BJ, SUZY
OOH

OOH, OOH

ALL
THIS CHRISTMAS

MISSY
THE FIRESIDE IS BLAZING BRIGHT

CL, BJ, SUZY
AAH

(She opens her arms, "undressing" herself.)

WE'LL BE CAROLING
THROUGH THE NIGHT

CAROLING
AAH

(She covers back up with the nightie.)

ALL
AND THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE
A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FOR ME

(She puts the nightie down on the Santa chair.)

MISSY
THE PRESENTS AND CARDS ARE HERE
MY WORLD IS FULL OF CHEER
AND YOU

ALL
THIS CHRISTMAS

(MISSY gestures out and the house lights come up.)

MISSY
LIGHTS TWINKLE ALL AROUND
BUT YOUR EYES OUTSHINE THE TOWN

CL, BJ, SUZY
OOH

(MISSY enters the house, and vamps toward Mr. Lee.)

ALL
THEY DO
THIS CHRISTMAS

MISSY
THE FIRESIDE IS BLAZING BRIGHT
WE'RE CAROLING
THROUGH THE NIGHT

CL, BJ, SUZY
AAH

(MISSY sits in Bill's lap.)

ALL
AND THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE
A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FOR ME

MISSY

Whooo!

(Stands up)

Watch the hands, Bill.

(MISSY rushes back onstage, holds the nightie up and ends with a final set of sexy oohs.)

(Singing)

OOOH

(She takes an embarrassed curtsy when she realizes what she's done. Applause.)

(SUZY rushes over. SUZY takes the nightie and holds it up in front of her.)

SUZY

Hey Ritchie— whattayathink?

(Lights flash, SUZY giggles.)

(CINDY LOU takes the nightie away.)

CINDY LOU

I think you've already had enough of that!

(CINDY LOU takes the nightie back to the box by the tree.)

SUZY

What about you Betty Jean? Any happy Christmas memories?

(BETTY JEAN, at the fireplace, holds up her pink slip. SUZY turns and simply moves on.)

What about you, Cindy Lou? Any happy Christmas memories?

(CINDY LOU is trapped between SUZY and MISSY.)

CINDY LOU

I don't really have any Christmas memories.

(She crosses away toward the fireplace.)

MISSY

Oh you must!

SUZY

Everyone remembers something.

(CINDY LOU looks for help from BETTY JEAN, who urges her to tell the story.)

BETTY JEAN

Go ahead. It's the perfect time.

CINDY LOU

Okay. I do have one Christmas memory.

(BETTY JEAN, MISSY, and SUZY settle in by the gift box units.)

It was before we moved to Springfield. I was seven years old. Dad promised that if I was a good little girl Santa would bring me a Shirley Temple doll. You know, the one with the long ringlets and the pretty red dress. Oh, I wanted that doll more than anything. I did everything right: all of my chores for a month, never complaining. On Christmas morning, there was my Shirley Temple doll, just as he had promised. And Dad pulled me close and hugged me tighter than I'd ever been hugged before. That was the last Christmas Dad ever spent with us.

#16 ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS CLICHÉS

(CINDY LOU sits on the hearth.)

Mother and I moved around a lot after that. We never really celebrated Christmas anymore.

(Singing)

I'VE SPENT CHRISTMAS IN PEORIA
CHRISTMAS HERE IN SPRINGFIELD
CHRISTMAS IN LAS VEGAS AND L.A.
AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT COULDN'T MATTER LESS
BUT LATELY, COME DECEMBER, I CONFESS

CINDY LOU (CONT'D)

I WANT THE TREE FULL OF TOYS AND TINSEL
I WANT THE WREATH ON THE RED FRONT DOOR
I WANT THE ELVES IN THE YARD
AND EACH SENTIMENTAL CARD
DRIPPING GLITTER ON THE FLOOR

I WANT A ROOF FULL OF PLYWOOD REINDEER
I WANT A ROAD FULL OF HORSE-DRAWN SLEIGHS
ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS CLICHÉS
I WANT THE TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

(She refers to SUZY.)

THE SPURKEY MOM HARDLY EVER MADE
I WANT THE GULP, AND THE TEAR
AT THE MOMENT WHEN I HEAR
JOHNNY MATHIS BEING PLAYED
I WANT A LAKE FULL OF PERFECT SKATERS
I WANT THAT FRUITCAKE WITH SUGAR GLAZE
ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS CLICHÉS

NOT TO MENTION THE SNOW
NOT TO MENTION THE CHOIR
NOT TO MENTION THE CANDLES IN THE WINDOW

(She rises.)

AND CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON THE FIRE

(She crosses down center.)

INSIDE A HOUSE FILLED WITH NOISE AND LAUGHTER
ALONG A STREET BATHED IN TWINKLING LIGHT
I WANT THE BELLS AND THE DRUMS
MISTLETOE AND SUGARPLUMS
AND KIDS TO TUCK IN TIGHT

AND AS FOR THAT GUY IN THE BRIGHT RED OUTFIT
INSTEAD OF FLYING OFF HE STAYS
ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS CLICHÉS
I WANT THOSE OVERBLOWN, CORNY
ENDLESSLY LOVELY
CHRISTMAS CLICHÉS

(As she finishes and the music plays out, BETTY JEAN, MISSY, and SUZY cross over and engulf her in a large group hug.)

(After the applause, they remain in the hug. CINDY LOU is not quite sure what to do with this kind of affection.)

CINDY LOU (CONT'D)

Okay. Okay. I feel the love. Watch the dress.

(They release her and she straightens her dress. BETTY JEAN puts an arm around CINDY LOU's shoulder.)

BETTY JEAN

So, Missy. How are we doing with those happy Christmas memories?

SUZY

I think these two need better Christmas memories to remember.

MISSY

Yes. I think we need to "ring in" some happy new Christmas memories! And we need all the help we can get. Girls— go pick out some laid-off employees and bring 'em up here.

(The house lights come up as BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU, and SUZY go out into the audience to choose three audience members. BETTY JEAN brings up Bob from the audience.)

(MISSY sets the stage by bringing out three stools. She then gets the first set of bells (SR-Wreath) and brings them over to BETTY JEAN and Bob (SR).)

[When choosing and placing bell ringers, it is ideal if the audience member is chosen from the same side they are placed in front of, especially when it comes to the final section of the medley where the audience helps them.]

And I think we all know who this is!

BETTY JEAN

Everyone— say hi to Bob from plumbing.

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

Hi Bob!

(MISSY gives the bells wreath to Bob.)

BETTY JEAN

Bob, your job is to ring these bells whenever you hear us sing the word "RING."

(MISSY sings from his other side.)

MISSY

RING

(Ad-lib with the bell ringer.)

BETTY JEAN

RING RING

(Ad-libs again. CINDY LOU has gotten the name of the next person (CS). MISSY gets the next set of bells (SL-Sleigh Bells) and brings them over as CINDY LOU gives instructions.)

[The audience member who has become Bob remains Bob. Use the real names of the audience members to replace (Beverly) and (Steven).]

CINDY LOU

Everyone— this is (Beverly).

ALL

Hi (Beverly)!

BETTY JEAN

(Beverly) is Harper's cashier of the month!

(The girls all applaud.)

CINDY LOU

Make sure you put that on your resumé, (Beverly).

(MISSY hands the sleigh bells to the participant.)

Your new job is to ring these bells whenever you hear us sing JINGLE. Or any form of the word, like JANGLE or JUNGLE.

(MISSY sings.)

MISSY

JINGLE

(Ad-libs. CINDY LOU sings.)

JINGLE JANGLE JUNGLE CINDY LOU

(Ad-libs. BETTY JEAN sings.)

RING BETTY JEAN

(Ad-libs again.)

(Speaking)

You've gotta be on your toes, Bob. (OR: Very good, Bob!)

(MISSY gets the Santa bell as SUZY instructs the final bell ringer (SL).)

SUZY
Everyone, this is (Steven) from the lumber department.

ALL
Hi (Steven) from the lumber department.

BETTY JEAN
(Steven) helped build our stage here tonight.

MISSY
Thank you so much!

(MISSY charges over and drops the Santa bell.)

SUZY
You dropped the Santa bell!

(MISSY picks it up and demonstrates that the clanger is now missing, and the bell makes no sound.)

(Everyone gasps.)

You broke the Santa bell. Now we'll never get Santa!

(MISSY hands the broken Santa bell to SUZY's participant.)

MISSY
I'm so sorry. This is the only bell we have left.

SUZY

Well— you'll just have to wave it around a lot when you hear your word.

(MISSY whispers to SUZY.)

I forgot to tell you your word.

(Whispering to Missy)

What's her/his word?

(MISSY whispers to SUZY.)

Your word is BELL. Duh.

(MISSY sings.)

MISSY

BELL

(Ad-libs.)

SUZY

That just looks silly. Can you make a ringing noise too?

(SUZY now sings very suddenly.)

(Singing)

BELL

(Ad-libs, speaking)

Oh that's good! Do it again!

(Singing)

BELL

(SUZY may have to help the person come up with a sound. If they choose "RING," tell them it's already taken, as is "JINGLE." "DING DING DING" is good; SUZY can then "DING DING DING" with them throughout.)

MISSY

I think we're all ready. Let the jingling...

(They all react to make sure the JINGLE person shakes their bells.)

MISSY (CONT'D)

...begin!

#17 BELLS MEDLEY

[RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS]

(During the BELLS MEDLEY, the girls help the bell ringers, pointing to them when it's their turn to ring and make noise. SUZY continues to help her ringer, making the bell noise with them. Each UNDERLINED lyric should be emphasized toward the appropriate ringer. BETTY JEAN is (SR) with RING; CINDY LOU is (CS) with JINGLE; SUZY is (SL) with BELL.)

(MISSY crosses to each bell ringer during the intro, reminding them of their words.)

Now don't forget:

(Pointing to each)

Ring! Jingle! Bell!

ALL

DING, DONG, DING, DONG

MISSY

HEAR THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS GO

ALL

DING, DONG

MISSY

SOME FOLKS LIKE TO HEAR
A CHRISTMAS SONG
BUT I LIKE CHRISTMAS BELLS
THAT GO DING DONG
JINGLE, JANGLE, TING-A-LING
OR JUST BING BONG
I LOVE TO HEAR 'EM RING
OH RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS
RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS

BJ, CL, SUZY

A CHRISTMAS SONG
BELLS
DING! DONG! DING!
DONG!
BING! BONG!
RING!
RING! BELLS!
RING! BELLS!

ALL
WHILE THEY CHIME, WE'LL HAVE A HAPPY TIME

MISSY
SO RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS

BJ, CL, SUZY
RING! BELLS!

DING, DONG
DING, DONG

DING, DONG
DING, DONG

OH THE MUSIC OF AN OPEN SLEIGH
WHEN EV'RY JOLLY JINGLE SEEMS TO SAY
HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAY
COME ON AND RING ALONG
OH RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS
RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS

JINGLE!

RING!
RING! BELLS!
RING! BELLS!

ALL
WHILE THEY CHIME, WE'LL HAVE A HAPPY TIME

MISSY
SO RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS

BJ, CL, SUZY
RING! BELLS!

(Immediate segue.)

MISSY
Okay, let's turn it up!

(MISSY crosses to the outside SR of "RING" ringer. BETTY JEAN moves to the inside, so that both BETTY JEAN and CINDY LOU can be on either side of the center "JINGLE" ringer. CINDY LOU and BETTY JEAN encourage "Jingle" Ringer to ring for each "Jing" and "Jing-a-ling.")

[JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING]

ALL
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
WHAT FUN TO HEAR THE SLEIGH BELLS JINGLE
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
THEY SET YOUR HEART A-TINGLE
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
I LOVE TO HEAR OUR LAUGHTER MINGLE
HA, HA, HA, HO, HO, HO
GLIDING THROUGH THE SNOW

ALL (CONT'D)

JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
THE BELLS HAVE GOT THE SNOWFLAKES DANCING
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
OL' BOB IS EVEN RINGING
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
THE NIGHT IS MADE FOR SWEET ROMANCING
HA, HA, HA! HO, HO, HO!
THROUGH THE SNOW WE GO

(BETTY JEAN steps out for a solo, singing to Bob when appropriate.)

BETTY JEAN

THROUGH A WINTER FAIRYLAND
WE GO A-GLIDING
IN A COTTON-CANDY LAND
OF FROZEN CHARMS
AND THE WAY THE SLEIGH IS
SLIPPING AND A-SLIDING
BRINGS YOU SLIDING EVEN
CLOSER IN MY ARMS

CL, MISSY, SUZY

GLIDING
FROZEN CHARMS
SLIDING
CLOSE IN MY ARMS

(CINDY LOU steps out for a solo, singing to her center ringer when appropriate.)

CINDY LOU

CAN'T YOU HEAR THE SLEIGH BELLS
ASKING WHY WE'RE SINGLE
AS WE FLY ACROSS THE
SNOWY HILLS AND DELLS?
AND WE'RE HAPPY 'CAUSE THE
SLEIGH BELLS SEEM TO JINGLE
IN THE

BJ, MISSY, SUZY

BELLS!
SAD AND SINGLE

OOH
JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE!

ALL

WINTER FAIRYLAND
LIKE WEDDING BELLS

(BETTY JEAN and CINDY LOU cross to behind their ringers once again.)

A-JING-JING-JING-
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
WHAT FUN TO HEAR THE SLEIGH BELLS JINGLE

ALL (CONT'D)

JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
THEY SET YOUR HEART A-TINGLE
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
I LOVE TO HEAR OUR LAUGHTER MINGLE
HA, HA, HA, HO, HO, HO
GLIDING THROUGH THE SNOW

OH, OH, JING-JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
THE BELLS HAVE GOT THE SNOWFLAKES DANCING
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
OL' BOB IS EVEN RINGING
JING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING, JING-A-LING
THE NIGHT IS MADE FOR SWEET ROMANCING
HA, HA, HA! HO, HO, HO!
THROUGH THE SNOW WE GO

(The music vamps.)

(Speaking)

SUZY

(Toward her "Bell" ringer SL)

Bell.

(reaction)

Bell-bell-bell!

(reaction)

I'm not sure that the broken bell is fair for (Steven) from the lumber department. I won't say it's a complete failure, but we all have eyes.

(MISSY moves forward, CINDY LOU moves back to (CS) with the 'Jingle' ringer and BETTY JEAN returns to BOB (SR).)

MISSY

You're right, Suzy. It's just not fair.

(The music vamps and fades under the following.)

Here's what we'll do! Everyone over here on this side of the store...

(MISSY indicates a portion of the audience SL.)

MISSY (CONT'D)

(Steven) from the lumber department needs your help. When we sing, "BELL," you all wave your hands in the air and make bell noises like this:

(SUZY demonstrates the noise her participant chose.)

SUZY

Ding, ding, ding, ding! (etc.)

MISSY

Here we go.

(MISSY sings.)

(Singing)

BELL!

(Speaking)

Okay. Those were your indoor voices. Let's try again with our outdoor voices.

(She sings again:)

(Singing)

BELL!

(Speaking)

Very good! Much better.

BETTY JEAN

Well Bob, we can do better than that. Everyone over here on this half...

(Indicates her section, SR)

...you need to help out Bob from plumbing. Whenever we sing "RING," I want you to wave your hands high in the air and make a noise like a Christmas Turkey. Let's try it.

(BETTY JEAN sings.)

RING!

(BETTY JEAN gobbles with the audience.)

BETTY JEAN (CONT'D)

(Speaking)

Well, that sounded like a scrawny little Cornish Game Hen. What I want is a big, fat Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings. Now shake your wattles!

(BETTY JEAN sings.)

(Singing)

RING!

(BETTY JEAN gobbles with the audience.)

(Speaking)

Now that's what I'm talking about.

(MISSY sings/shouts to her side of the audience, beginning a contest with both sides of the stage.)

MISSY

BELL!

(MISSY and SUZY work their audience.)

(BETTY JEAN shouts at her audience.)

BETTY JEAN

RING!

(MISSY sings/shouts to her side of the audience.)

MISSY

BELL!

(MISSY and SUZY work their audience.)

(BETTY JEAN shouts at her audience.)

BETTY JEAN

RING!

(MISSY, SUZY, and BETTY JEAN congratulate their sections of the audience.)

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

Very good. That's wonderful, etc.

(CINDY LOU comes forward.)

CINDY LOU

Well that's about the dumbest thing I've ever seen. If...

(She's forgotten the person's name. The others say it quickly, and this section goes very swiftly.)

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

Bob.

CINDY LOU

...from plumbing gets help, and...

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

(Steve).

CINDY LOU

...from the lumber department gets help, then I think...

(Yet again...)

BETTY JEAN, MISSY & SUZY

(Beverly).

CINDY LOU

...Harper's Hardware Cashier of the Month should get help too. So all of you employees right here in the front row, as well as everyone up there in the rafters raise your hands. Now don't be shy — we can see you! All of you are now my super jingle agents. Whenever you hear the word "JINGLE," I want you to stand up, put your hands in the air, and shimmy like this...

(She shimmies)

...and shout "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle!" Try it now.

(CINDY LOU sings.)

JINGLE!

(CINDY LOU shimmies with them.)

CINDY LOU (CONT'D)

Oh my. You're very good. You'll have new jobs in no time.

(Back to the band)

Here we go!

[JINGLE BELLS]

(CINDY LOU moves back to (CS) "Jingle" ringer.)

(MISSY takes over with the (SL) "Bell" ringer as SUZY moves from SL to SR during her solo.)

(They encourage and perform with their groups.)

SUZY

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

SHE'S DASHIN'

SUZY

IN A ONE-HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

SHE'S DASHIN'

SUZY

O'ER THE FIELDS WE GO

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

NOW SHE'S LAUGHING

SUZY

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

HO! HO! HO! HO!

SUZY

BELLS IN BOB'S HAND RING
MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT
WHAT FUN IT IS TO

ALL
RING THOSE BELLS

SUZY
IN OUR SLEIGHING SONG TONIGHT

(Speaking)

Here we go!

ALL
JINGLE! BELLS!
JINGLE! BELLS!
JINGLE!

SUZY
ALL THE WAY
OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE
IN A ONE-HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

ALL
RING!
JINGLE! BELLS!
JINGLE! BELLS!
JINGLE!

SUZY
ALL THE WAY

BETTY JEAN
Ring! Ring!

SUZY
OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO

ALL
RING!

SUZY
WITH BOB IN HIS OWN WAY

ALL
IN A ONE-HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

ALL (CONT'D)

(Speaking)

Ring those Jingle Bells!

(They tell everyone to keep ringing, watching SUZY for the big cut-off.)

(They pose around the bell-ringers for the button. Confetti canons go off from both sides of the stage. Applause.)

(The girls help their bell ringers back to their seats. MISSY gathers the bells and removes the stools. BETTY JEAN takes BOB back to his seat and stays there a bit longer than the rest.)

MISSY

Oh you were all so wonderful! Weren't they wonderful? Let's give them another round of applause.

(She leads them in applause as they finish clearing the stage)

I hope we didn't create any Christmas nightmares for the three of you!

(BETTY JEAN rushes back onstage from Bob.)

BETTY JEAN

Girls— you'll never guess what happened!

(They all stare at BETTY JEAN.)

So guess.

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

What?

BETTY JEAN

Aren't you gonna guess?

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

No.

BETTY JEAN

Bob asked me out!

(They all gasp, with a take out to Bob.)

CINDY LOU

Bob! You sneaky devil.

BETTY JEAN

I think it's finally time to move on. I need to get Johnny out of my system, right?

CINDY LOU

Well everyone knows there's nothing like a plumber for getting something out of your system.

(Looking at the audience)

That was also meant to stay inside my head.

MISSY

Congratulations Bob!

BETTY JEAN

Hey – he just asked me out. It's not like we're engaged or anything.

(They turn and look right at Bob in unison, accompanied with a Bell Tone.)

#18 I WANT YOU FOR CHRISTMAS

(A spot comes up on BETTY JEAN as SHE stares at Bob.)

(CINDY LOU, MISSY, and SUZY sit at the fireplace.)

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

DOO-DOO-DOO, DOO-DOO-DOO
DOO-DOO-DOO-DOO-DOO, DOO
DOO-DOO-DOO, DOO-DOO-DOO
DOO-DOO-DOO-DOO-DOO, DOO, DOO

BETTY JEAN

I'D LIKE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS
PLEASE MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE
'CUZ I'D TRIM TREES
AND DECK THE HALLWAYS
IF I KNEW YOU'D
BE MINE FOR ALWAYS

CL, MISSY, SUZY

OOH, OOH –
OOH--
OOH--
OOH –
OOH--
OOH, OOH, OOH

BETTY JEAN (CONT'D)
I WON'T BE BLUE ON CHRISTMAS
IF OLD SAINT NICK COMES THROUGH
AND HE REMEMBERS THAT I'D
LIKE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS
NEW YEAR'S, EASTER TOO

CL, MISSY, SUZY (CONT'D)
OOH, OOH –
OOH--
OOH, OOH,
OOH –
OOH, OOH, OOH

(CINDY LOU, MISSY, and SUZY rush over and surround BETTY JEAN as they stare at Bob, pointing at BETTY JEAN, giving him the "thumbs up.")

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
SHE'D LIKE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS

BETTY JEAN
PLEASE MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
'CUZ SHE'D TRIM TREES AND DECK THE HALLWAYS
IF SHE KNEW SHE'D BE YOURS FOR ALWAYS

BETTY JEAN
I WON'T BE BLUE ON CHRISTMAS
IF OLD SAINT NICK COMES THROUGH
AND HE REMEMBERS THAT I'D
LIKE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS
NEW YEAR'S, EASTER TOO

CL, MISSY, SUZY
OOH, OOH –
OOH--
OOH, OOH,
OOH –
OOH, OOH, OOH

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
DOO, DOO, DOO

BETTY JEAN
NEW YEAR'S

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
NEW YEAR'S

BETTY JEAN
EASTER

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY
EASTER

BETTY JEAN
TOO

CL, MISSY, SUZY
DOO-DOO-DOO

CL, MISSY, SUZY (CONT'D)
DOO-DOO-DOO

ALL
RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS!

(Applause.)

BETTY JEAN
Well I'm not waiting 'til Easter. Goodnight, everybody!

(She starts off toward Bob, stopped by CINDY LOU.)

CINDY LOU
Whoa, whoa, whoa. I've been waiting my whole life for Santa Claus. We're not leaving until he gets here.

SUZY
But the Santa bell is broken...

CINDY LOU
I've got an idea.

(CINDY LOU whispers to MISSY.)

MISSY
Of course!

(Turns and looks at Mr. Lee)

Bill! C'mon!

(House lights up as MISSY grabs Mr. Lee from the audience and brings him onstage. House lights back down. CINDY LOU and SUZY exit.)

(BETTY JEAN moves the Santa chair forward under the mistletoe. MISSY seats Mr. Lee in the chair. CINDY LOU returns with a Santa hat and places it on Mr. Lee's head. SUZY returns with a Santa bag, placing it next to his chair.)

(Once Mr. Lee is set in his chair, MISSY responds to how sexy he looks in his Santa hat.)

Oh, Santa...!

#19 SANTA BABY

MISSY (CONT'D)

(Singing)

MISTER CLAUS, I FEEL AS THOUGH I KNOW YA
SO YOU WON'T MIND IF I SHOULD GET FAMILYA
WILL YA?

(MISSY gyrates and shimmies to the opening beats of the music.)

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & SUZY

BUM, BU-BUM, BU-BUM
BU-BUM-BUM-BUM-BUM
BUM, BU-BUM, BU-BUM
BU-BUM-BUM-BUM-BUM

MISSY

SANTA BABY
JUST SLIP A SABLE UNDER THE TREE FOR ME
BEEN AN AWFUL GOOD GIRL SANTA BABY
SO HURRY DOWN THE CHIMNEY TONIGHT

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & SUZY

BUM, BU-BUM, BU-BUM
BU-BUM-BUM-BUM-BUM

BETTY JEAN

SANTA BABY
A SIXTY-EIGHT CONVERTIBLE TOO, LIGHT BLUE
I'LL WAIT UP FOR YOU DEAR SANTA BABY, SO

ALL

HURRY DOWN THE CHIMNEY TONIGHT

CINDY LOU

THINK OF ALL THE FUN I'VE MISSED
THINK OF ALL THE FELLAS THAT I HAVEN'T KISSED
NEXT YEAR I COULD BE JUST AS GOOD
IF YOU CHECK OFF MY CHRISTMAS LIST

SUZY

SANTA BABY
I WANT A BOY AND REALLY THAT'S NOT A LOT
BEEN AN ANGEL ALL YEAR SANTA BABY, SO

ALL
HURRY DOWN THE CHIMNEY TONIGHT

(They turn the chair to face BETTY JEAN.)

BETTY JEAN
SANTA HONEY
ONE LITTLE THING I REALLY DO NEED; THE DEED
TO A PLATINUM MINE, SANTA HONEY, SO

ALL
HURRY DOWN THE CHIMNEY TONIGHT

(They turn the chair to face SUZY.)

SUZY
SANTA CUTIE
JUST FILL MY STOCKING WITH A DUPLEX AND CHECKS
SIGN YOUR X ON THE LINE, SANTA CUTIE, AND

ALL
HURRY DOWN THE CHIMNEY TONIGHT
DOWN THE CHIMNEY TONIGHT!

(They turn the chair to face CINDY LOU, who oozes sex during her solo.)

CINDY LOU
COME AND TRIM MY CHRISTMAS TREE
WITH SOME DECORATIONS BOUGHT AT FROM TIFFANY

(She squeals with delight as she sits on the floor next to Mr. Lee, tickling his knee suggestively.)

I REALLY DO BELIEVE IN YOU
LET'S SEE IF YOU BELIEVE IN ME

(She grabs his leg exuberantly.)

(Spoken)

Oh Santa!!

(SUZY tugs at the chair, trying to dislodge CINDY LOU. MISSY dives toward CINDY LOU, held back by BETTY JEAN.)