Christmas Recipe

by Peter Fandell

CHORUS ACTIONS appear in boxed text throughout the script.

A CHRISTMAS RECIPE (instrumental) (© Track 16)

[Enter CAT, speaking while moving to D/Stage Centre.]

CAT (waving) Miaow! Hello!

ALL Hello cat!

[Enter DOG, speaking while moving to join CAT.]

DOG (waving) Woof, woof! Woof! Hello!

ALL Hello dog!

CAT Have you seen the cook?

ALL No!

DOG Are you <u>sure</u> you haven't seen her?

ALL Quite sure!

CAT / DOG That's a pity!

ALL Why?

CAT / DOG 'Cos we like helping her to cook!

CHILD (calling from position in choir) Why don't you call her?

CAT / DOG What did you say?

CHILD (louder, hand next to mouth) Why don't you <u>call</u> her!

CAT / DOG Good idea! (calls) Cook? Cook?

ALL (shouting) Cook! Where are you?

[Enter COOK, with huge wooden spoon.]

COOK (crossly, as she enters) What is it? What's the matter?

ALL It's December!

COOK (joining CAT & DOG) I know it's December! What about it?

DOG / CAT We're feeling all Christmassy!

COOK (crossly) Well what do you want me to do about it?

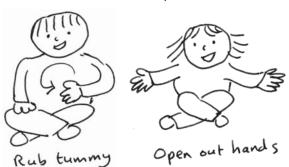
DOG / CAT We want you to cook a special recipe!

COOK Which special recipe?

ALL (pointing to the recipe) The <u>Christmas</u> recipe!

COOK Oh that recipe! The recipe for a perfect Christmas!





[CAT & DOG move to recipe. CAT picks up pointer.]

COOK Let's see then... Will this make it the best Christmas ever?

Let's have a look at the recipe. (goes to join CAT & DOG)

ALL (reading recipe as CAT uses pointer) Pour in a good measure of

Father Christmas!

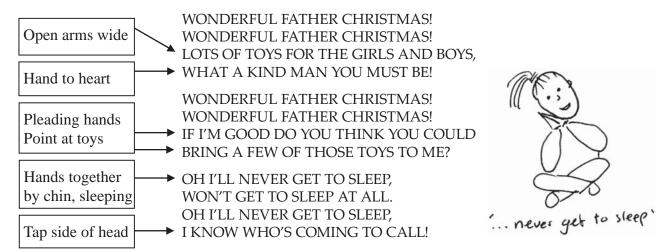
COOK Well that sounds like a good start. Where is he, I wonder?

FATHER C'MAS (offstage) Ho! Ho! Ho!

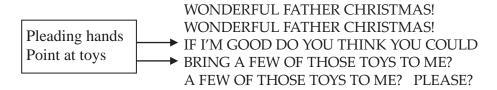
ALL Here he comes!

[As music starts, FATHER CHRISTMAS & ELVES enter and busy themselves making toys, filling a big sack.]

WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS (⊙ Track 2 / 17)



[FATHER CHRISTMAS heaves sack on to his shoulder during last verse.]



FATHER C'MAS (standing with his back to COOK) Bye, bye! See you next year!

ELVES Bye bye, everyone!

[FATHER CHRISTMAS and ELVES make as if leaving, but

COOK jumps in front of them to stop them.]

COOK (loudly, hand up) Wait! We need some Father Christmas flavour!

FATHER C'MAS (turning, very puzzled) Father Christmas flavour?

COOK Yes! It's for our Christmas recipe!

[DOG goes to get bathroom scales from wings and returns.]

CAT (points to recipe) Look, it says 'a good measure' of Father Christmas!

DOG (placing scales centrally) Jump on the scales please, Mr. Christmas!

[CAT & FATHER CHRISTMAS go to Centre. ELVES group

behind FATHER CHRISTMAS.]

FATHER C'MAS (getting onto scales) Are you sure these scales are right? It must be all

the mince pies people keep giving me.

[CAT & DOG peer at scales, and put hands to mouth in

wide-eyed shock.]

ALL How much does he weigh? How much does he weigh?

CAT & DOG (folding arms) Well... (nodding knowingly) Let's just say it'll be a very

good measure of Father Christmas!

ALL Hooray!

[COOK moves to bowl. DOG moves the scales out of the way;

he and CAT move back to recipe.]

COOK Come and get stirred in, Father Christmas!

[FATHER CHRISTMAS looks horrified.]

ALL Don't worry, it won't hurt!

[COOK drags reluctant FATHER CHRISTMAS to bowl.]

INCIDENTAL - STIRRING MUSIC (© Track 3 / 18)

[ELVES giggle as FATHER CHRISTMAS does a twirl 'inside' the bowl and then jumps out.]

FATHER C'MAS Is that enough?

COOK Let me see... (*sniffing the bowl*) Mmm! That'll do nicely. Thanks!

FATHER C'MAS Ho, ho ho! Goodbye everyone!

ELVES Byeee!

[FATHER CHRISTMAS and ELVES exit, waving.]

ALL Goodbye Father Christmas!

COOK (moving back to Centre) Now, what's next?

ALL (reading recipe as CAT uses pointer) Add plenty of presents!

DOG Presents? (thumbs up, nodding) That's a very good idea!

> [PRESENTS march on, and march around in formation during the song. After the middle section, COOK draws a couple of PRESENTS into the bowl, stirs them around and off they go again. On the final 'Hip, hip, hoorays' they line up ready to take a bow, and then leave during applause.]