

# Director's Notes

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## CAST LIST - in order of appearance

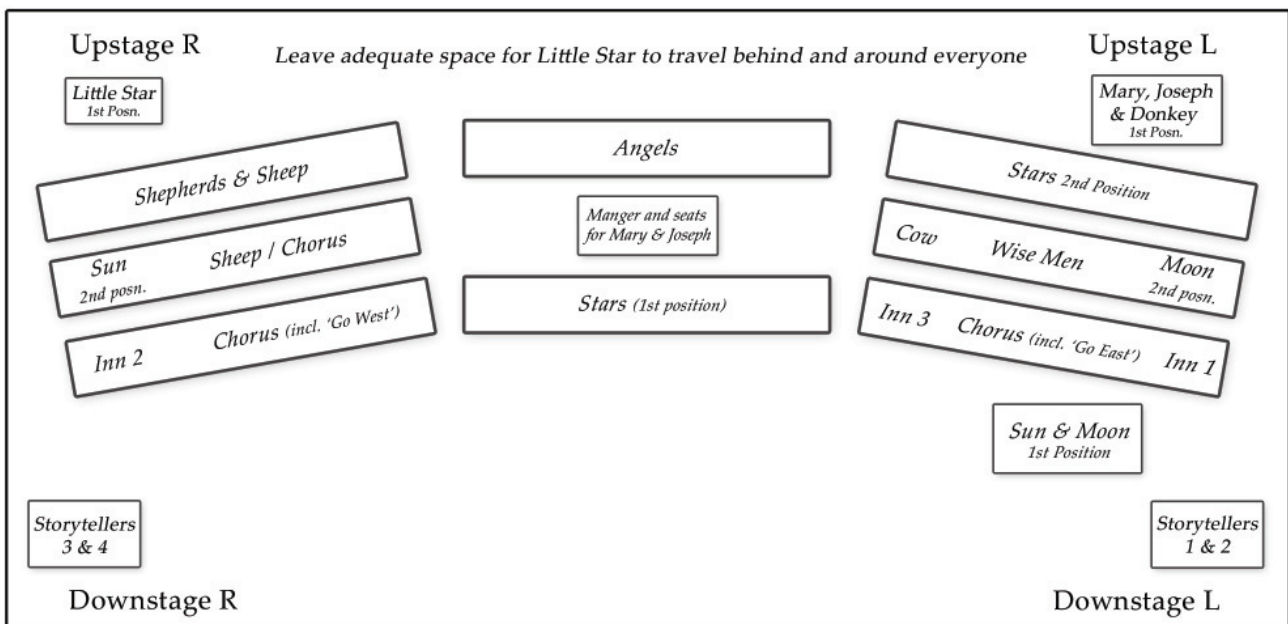
Storytellers	Scripted as four individuals but may be shared between more or less people. Storytellers are, in effect, narrators - and they could read their parts from attractively bound scripts if there is too much for them to learn by heart.
Sun	Very small speaking role in the opening scene, and again at the end.
Moon	Has a speaking role at the beginning and end of the show.
Stars 1,2,3,4 (or more)	Group speaking.
Little Star	Main speaking part ( <i>written as a girl but could be played by a boy</i> ). <b>[solo singer]</b>
Mary & Joseph	Small speaking part, but on stage for most of the show.
Donkey	Non-speaking part, but needs to be good at comic 'Eeorr-ing'!
Innkeepers 1,2,3	Non-speaking parts.
Shepherd 1,2,3,4 (or more)	Small speaking parts.
Sheep 1,2,3,4 (or more)	Group speaking / bleating!
Angels 1 & 2 (and more)	Small speaking parts ( <i>extras join the group speaking</i> ).
Cow	Non-speaking part, features in 'There's A Baby...'
Wise Man 1,2,3	Small speaking parts.
Chorus	All not involved in specific scenes take part in regular group speaking. If you have a large cast, the lines for 'Chorus' could be taken by a small group of children dressed in Christmas jumpers, or dressed as extra donkeys, sheep, etc. Two chorus members hold up 'Go West' & 'Go East' signs when required.

**The Simplified Version** is intended for those with younger or less able children, and for those with a limited amount of rehearsal time. See data section of 'Little Star's Story' CD.

## PROPS

Books for storytellers. Tall 'star' headgear for Little Star so her position is clearly identifiable, even behind other actors. Manger. Doll to be baby Jesus. 'Gold, frankincense and myrrh' for Wise men. Lamb and crook for Shepherd 1. 'No Room' signs for Innkeepers. 'Go East' & 'Go West' signs.

## STAGING SUGGESTION



# Director's Overview

## **Incidental - OPENING MUSIC**

Everyone asks the Storytellers to tell a story - the one about the Little Star.

⦿ **Track 1 / 16**

## **Song - COME HEAR A STORY**

⦿ **Track 2 / 17**

The story begins with the Sun heading for bed and the Moon rising. As the sky grows darker, lots of Stars appear.

## **Incidental - STAR DANCE**

⦿ **Track 3 / 18**

Little Star is feeling sorry for herself, thinking she's very small and unimportant. Talking to the Moon makes her feel worse, because he shines much more light than she does. She cheers up when she hears exciting news from the other stars: the King of Kings is about to be born! However, when Little Star says she'll do something really big to welcome the baby, the others laugh at her. How can someone so small do anything big?

## **Song - I WISH I WAS SPECIAL**

⦿ **Track 4 / 19**

Realising she can't do anything big, Little Star plans to find a special gift for the baby king when he is born. She sets off to find something suitably special, first heading North. That same night Mary and Joseph happen to be on their way from Galilee to Bethlehem, but they've lost their way in the dark.

## **Incidental - CLIP CLOP MUSIC**

⦿ **Track 5 / 20**

Donkey suddenly notices Little Star moving ahead of them and he points at her excitedly, guessing she will show them the way. They follow Little Star South towards Bethlehem, but she never notices them doing so.

## **Song - LITTLE DONKEY FOLLOW THE STAR**

⦿ **Track 6 / 21**

Little Star stops to rest by a stable, and at last she spots Mary and Joseph! Seeing that Mary is expecting a baby, Little Star is somehow certain the child will be the new King. She had better hurry up and find that special gift for him!

## **Incidental - GO WEST!**

⦿ **Track 7 / 22**

## **Incidental - ANGEL MUSIC**

⦿ **Track 8 / 23**

Meanwhile, in a field west of Bethlehem, angels bring good news to some shepherds.

## **Song - GOOD NEWS**

⦿ **Track 9 / 24**

Little Star arrives at this same field but she is glum because she still hasn't found a suitable gift for the King of Kings. However, she decides to pop back to Bethlehem to see if the baby has been born.

## **Incidental - TRAVELLING MUSIC**

⦿ **Track 10 / 25**

The shepherds follow Little Star all the way to the stable (but she doesn't notice them).

## **Song - SHEPHERDS FOLLOW THE STAR**

⦿ **Track 11 / 26**

The shepherds find baby Jesus lying in a manger. They kneel to worship him.

## **Song - THERE'S A BABY IN THE MANGER**

⦿ **Track 12 / 27**

The shepherds present Mary and Joseph with a newborn lamb for Jesus, then they tiptoe away. Little Star realises that she must hurry up and find that special gift!

## **Incidental - GO EAST!**

⦿ **Track 13 / 28**

Travelling to the East, she still can't find anything suitable to give the King of Kings and decides she may as well give up. The chorus encourage her: 'Go back to Bethlehem!' and because they insist, she does as they suggest. Meanwhile (in the East) three Wise Men have been gazing at the stars every night, looking for a sign that the promised King of Kings has been born.

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As they are wondering if tonight is the night, one of them sees Little Star as she travels along, but the other two think he's joking! When they too see Little Star, they set off to follow where she leads.

**Song - WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR**

⦿ **Track 14 / 29**

The Wise Men honour baby Jesus and present him with gifts before going on their way. Little Star is unhappy, having nothing to offer this very special child, but then the sun comes out to shine... and everyone surprises her by giving her three cheers! Little Star doesn't understand why they are cheering until they explain that – without even noticing – she has shown them all the way to the stable. She may only be little, but as everyone tells her: "A tiny bit of starlight goes a long, long way!"

**Song - SHOW THE WORLD**

⦿ **Track 15 / 30**

**Double length incidental music:**

**LITTLE DONKEY FOLLOW THE STAR - extended**

⦿ **Track 31 / 34**

**SHEPHERDS FOLLOW THE STAR - extended**

⦿ **Track 32 / 35**

**WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR - extended**

⦿ **Track 33 / 36**

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