

Magical Christmas Journey

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*If not using CD, play bars
51-end of 'Come on!'*

NEARLY CHRISTMAS - incid.

(☉ Track 1 / 15)

[Enter CHILD 1,2,3,4, excitedly.]

CHILD 1 & 2

There's so much to do!

CHILD 3 & 4

We've got to get ready for Christmas!

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 busy themselves during the song - see boxes.]

CHRISTMAS! THERE'S LOTS TO GET DONE (☉ Track 2 / 16)

Sway slightly

CHRISTMAS! THERE'S LOTS TO GET DONE.
 NEARLY CHRISTMAS:
 GET READY EVERYONE.
 CHRISTMAS! NO TIME TO DELAY.
 WE MUST GET READY
 FOR CHRISTMAS DAY!

CHILD 1 & 2 take wrapped
 PRESENTS to D/Stage R.,
 (CHRIS TREE's position later).
 CHILD 3 & 4 take PRESENTS
 to sit with wrapped presents

Rub tummies
 Pat tummies
 Clap on each word
 Walk on the spot
 pumping arms

MINCE PIES, MINCE PIES,
 YUM, YUM, YUM!
 CHRISTMAS CAKE, CHRISTMAS CAKE
 FILLS MY TUM!
 WHAT ABOUT SOME CRACKERS?
 BANG, BANG, POP!
 CHRISTMAS DAY IS NEARLY HERE,
 SO WE MUSTN'T STOP!

On cue, MINCE PIES,
 CHRISTMAS CAKE
 & CRACKERS walk
 downstage in time to
 the music, then back to
 base positions

CHRISTMAS! THERE'S LOTS TO GET DONE... *(etc.)*
 ...WE MUST GET READY
 FOR CHRISTMAS DAY!

All hold position, step
 in time, side to side

CHILD 2

Ok, __[CHILD 1's name]__, let's check the list.

CHILD 1

Mince pies? (MINCE PIES wave)

CHILD 2, 3 & 4

Check.

[CHILD 1 ticks list.]

CHILD 1

Christmas cake? (CHRISTMAS CAKE waves)

CHILD 2, 3 & 4

Check.

[CHILD 1 ticks list.]

CHILD 1

Crackers? (CRACKERS wave)

CHILD 2, 3 & 4 Check.
 [CHILD 1 ticks list.]

CHILD 1 And presents to give... (*PRESENTS wave*)
 CHILD 2, 3 & 4 Check.
 [CHILD 1 ticks list.]

CHILD 1 I think that's everything.
 [CHILD 2 scratches head, as if trying to remember something.]

CHILD 2 I'm sure something's missing...

CHILD 1, 3 & 4 What?

CHILD 2 (*with a shrug*) I don't know.

CHILD 1, 3 & 4 (*to CHORUS, with open hands*) What are we missing?

CHORUS A Christmas tree!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 (*hands to foreheads*) Of course!

CHILD 1 I'll add it to the list. (*makes a note*)

CHILD 2 We need one that's... (*stretching up high*) just tall enough.

CHILD 3 (*spreading arms*) And just wide enough!

CHILD 4 Let's go and find the perfect Christmas tree!

*[CHRISTMAS TREES & CHRIS TREE enter and find a space.
 CHILD 1,2,3,4 move among the CHRISTMAS TREES
 ad lib, as if trying to choose, doing song actions on the move.]*

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE (● Track 3 / 17)

CHRISTMAS TREES sway slowly in time	<p>A CHRISTMAS TREE THAT'S RIGHT FOR ME IS VERY HARD TO FIND. I WANT IT THICK SO I CAN STICK LOTS OF DECORATIONS ON OF EVERY KIND.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[CHILD 1,2,3,4 face audience to sing.]</i></p>	CHORUS - on 'thick' spread arms, then mime hanging decorations in time with the music
CHRISTMAS TREES turn on spot clockwise then anti-clockwise, arms held diagonally pointing downwards	<p>WHERE WILL I FIND IT? WHERE WILL IT BE? WHERE WILL I FIND IT? THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[CHILD 1,2,3,4 move ad lib.]</i></p>	CHORUS - open hands Draw a Christmas tree shape in the air with both hands
CHRISTMAS TREES sway as before	<p>A CHRISTMAS TREE THAT'S RIGHT FOR ME IS VERY HARD TO FIND. I WANT IT TALL ABOVE US ALL, SHINING BRIGHT WITH FLASHING LIGHTS OF EVERY KIND.</p>	CHORUS - stretch up high 'Flashing' hands on every beat

TREES as before

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 face audience to sing.]

WHERE WILL I FIND IT?
WHERE WILL IT BE?
WHERE WILL I FIND IT?
THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE

CHORUS as before

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 point at CHRIS TREE.]

Child 1,2,3,4

I THINK I'VE FOUND IT
HERE IN FRONT OF ME!
I THINK I'VE FOUND IT,
THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE.
THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE!

All

← ← Draw a Christmas tree shape
in the air with both hands

[After the song, CHRISTMAS TREES stand still.
CHILD 1,2,3,4 take CHRIS TREE to Downstage Right.]

CHILD 1 & 2 This tree is tall enough...

CHILD 3 & 4 ...And it's wide enough!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 This is the perfect tree for us.

CHRIS TREE Thank you for choosing me!

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 jump back, startled.]

CHORUS/CHILDREN A talking tree? That's magical!

CHILD 1 I'll make a note of that. *(makes a note)*

CHRIS TREE *(sadly, shrugging)* I talk all the time, but most people don't listen.

CHILD 4 We're listening.

CHRIS TREE That's good! Give me five!

[CHRIS TREE does high (or low) fives with CHILD 4, who
may mime picking pine needles out of hand afterwards!]

CHILD 3 Hold still, Mr. Tree! We need to decorate you!

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 decorate CHRIS TREE. Meanwhile other
CHRISTMAS TREES return to positions in Chorus.]

If not using CD, play
music from song above

TREE DECORATING MUSIC - incid. (☉ Track 4 / 18)

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 stand back and admire CHRIS TREE.]

CHILD 1 There! Our tree looks lovely!

CHILD 2, 3 & 4 Now we're ready for Christmas!

CHORUS Oh no you're not!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 Why?

CHORUS You need a star!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 A star? What for?

CHORUS (*pointing*) To go on top of the tree!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 Oh yes!

CHILD 2 (*with open-handed shrug*) Where are we going to get a star?

CHORUS (*pointing*) Look!

[Music starts. STARS enter and draw CHILD 1,2,3,4 to the centre, where they sit while STARS dance around them.]

If not using the CD, omit this dance, or improvise twinkly music to suit.

STARS DANCE - incid.

(☉ Track 5 / 19)

[STARS stand still, making 'twinkling' hands. CHILD 1,2,3,4 stand.]

CHILD 2 Do you think one of those stars would fit on the tree?

CHILD 1, 3 & 4 Don't be silly! They're way too big.

STARS (*fold arms*) No we're not!

[CHILD 1,2,3,4 jump back, startled.]

CHORUS/CHILDREN Talking stars? That's magical!

CHILD 1 I'll make a note of that. (*makes a note*)

MAGICAL STAR (*sadly, shrugging*) We talk all the time, but most people don't listen.

CHILD 4 We're listening.

MAGICAL STAR That's good. Give me five!

[MAGICAL STAR does high fives with CHILD 4, who may mime reaction as if it was hot!]

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 But you're still too big to go on our tree.

STARS (*hands on hips*) Oh no we're not!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 Oh yes you are!

STARS (*shaking heads*) Oh no we're not!

CHILD 1, 2, 3, 4 (*wagging finger*) Oh... yes... you... are!