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A full performance of 'One Night In Bethlehem' takes approximately 30 mins.

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One Night In Bethlehem

Songs by Simon Donlon & Colm Flanagan,

Readings by Johannah Barrett

First Reading - Our Story Begins

Our story begins in a town called Nazareth, with a young woman called Mary, who was engaged to be married to a carpenter named Joseph. Mary and Joseph were two ordinary people, but their lives were changed forever, the day an angel appeared to Mary - with astonishing news.

Hail, O Mary

(☉ Track 1 / 10)

Second Reading - Mary's Response To The Angel

Although she was very afraid at first, Mary trusted what the Angel Gabriel had told her. She felt so blessed that she – of all the women on Earth – had been chosen for such an amazing purpose.

But Joseph was worried about what other people would say, and he thought about leaving Mary. But then an angel appeared to him too, telling him not to be afraid: the child truly was the Son of God. After this, Joseph didn't hesitate any longer. He knew it was right for Mary to be his wife, and for him to bring up the baby as his own.

Third Reading - To Bethlehem For The Census

Just before the baby was due to be born, the Roman governors announced that there was to be a census. Everyone had to travel to their own towns to be registered, and this meant a long journey for Mary and Joseph. They set off from Nazareth to Bethlehem, with Mary riding on a donkey.

Something's Gonna Happen

(☉ Track 2 / 11)

Fourth Reading - Jesus Is Born

Bethlehem was full to bursting and everyone was struggling to find a bed for the night. Poor Mary was exhausted. She and Joseph were very grateful when - at last - they found a stable in which they could shelter. In this humble place, where no-one would expect the son of God to be born, Mary gave birth to her baby. She named him Jesus, just as the angel had told her to do. As there was no bed for baby Jesus, she laid him in a manger full of hay.

Sleep Little Child

(☉ Track 3 / 12)

Fifth Reading - Shepherds Hear The Good News

On that night, some shepherds were watching over their sheep on a hillside near Bethlehem. The sheep were bleating and restless as if they knew something important had happened in the town below.

Then suddenly, to the shepherds' astonishment, a crowd of angels appeared in a blaze of light. 'The saviour of the world has been born!' they said. 'You'll find him wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger!'

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by Simon Donlon & Colm Flanagan
(additional lyrics by Ruth Kenward)

Hail, O Mary

Angel Gabriel:

Hail, O Mary.
Do not be afraid
For the Lord is with you.
You have found favour with God

Angels: *(You have found favour with God)*

And you are to be blessed.
You are to be blessed
With His only Son.

Choir (in 2 parts):

He will be great
(He will be great, and when he's born)
And when he is born
You will name Him Jesus.
This little child will be called
(This little child will be called)
The Son of the Most High.
When His kingdom comes
It will never end.

When His kingdom comes,
(When His kingdom comes,)
When His kingdom comes,
When it comes it will never end.



Something's Gonna Happen

Mary and Joseph are trav'ling today.
They're on a trip to Bethlehem,
Many miles away.
They're trav'ling with a donkey
To help them on their way.
Something's gonna happen tonight, my friend.
Something's gonna happen tonight.

When they get to Bethlehem here's what
they are told:

"There's nothing in this town for you
All the rooms are sold.
No money's gonna help you,
No silver and no gold:
Bethlehem has no rooms tonight, my friend.
Bethlehem has no rooms tonight."

Just as they are walking away,
They hear a voice behind them say:

Innkeeper:

"I have a little stable in the back yard.
The walls may be damp
And the floor it is hard.
But you'll be better there
Than lying under the stars.
You'll be safe in there for tonight, my friend,
You'll be safe in there for tonight."

All

Ready for a rest after travelling all day,
They are very thankful
To settle on the hay.
The animals are gathering
To see who's come to stay!
Something's gonna happen tonight, my friend.
Something's gonna happen tonight.

(repeat last two lines)

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