

## **Finding Peace at Christmas- A Mini-Play**

**Notes-** *The narration in the script has been colour coded to allow for different groups of students. It is also suitable for smaller or larger casts depending on what suits your group. There are also individual characters who can be separate cast members or Multirole.*

*The ensemble enter the space in a chaotic noisy fashion complaining about the noise. They are sick of the sounds of Christmas. As the noise builds, they freeze in dramatic images of pain and anguish.*

**Narrator:** It is an issue that hits us every December

**Narrator:** Throughout the rest of the year, we forget to remember

**Narrator:** That Christmas can sometimes be full of noise

**Narrator:** About Santa and Sleighbells and Turkeys and toys

**Narrator:** About getting the right presents for those that we love

**Narrator:** From socks or sprays of even gloves

**Narrator:** The sounds of the children fighting over who will play Mary

***The students shout and make their case to play Mary***

**Narrator:** And constant repeats of blessed Mariah Carey

**Singer:** (Badly) ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU!

***The rest of the ensemble stare at her.***

**Narrator:** The people we see here can take it no more

**Voice:** I need peace and quiet. My ears are ringing. I can't take any more of these carollers singing

***The scene moves to the carollers getting ready for their night of singing. They have Christmas hats and scarves on.***

**Choir Leader:** RIGHT, EVERYONE! In your positions! Today is a very important day as we are knocking on every door in this street and singing to raise money.

Stand up straight!

***They do***

Make yourself look presentable

***They do***

AND SMILE

***They do***

**Choir Leader:** Right could everybody give me a G sharp?

***They do. It is terrible.***

**Choir Leader:** Ok. Does anyone know any good Carols?

***One of the singers throws their hand in the air***

**Carol singer:** Well, not a good Carol but I do know a bad one. My neighbour is called Carol and she has been stealing Amazon Prime packages from my other neighbour's step. I know because she has a ring doorbell, and she caught her red handed!

***Everyone reacts shocked***

**Lead Singer:** I'm sorry but that is not the type of Carol I was talking about. Does anybody know any Christmas carols?

**Neville:** Yes! I know one.

***He begins to sing it is really awful. The rest of the ensemble cover their ears.***

**Lead Singer:** STOP! STOP! STOP. My ears cannot take it anymore! TO THE FIRST HOUSE!!!

***The ensemble shift SR one member steps out and knocks on the door.***

**ALL:**

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEA . . .**

**VOICE:** Get away from my house!

***They react as if the door slams)***

**Singer:** They shouted at us!!!

**Singer:** They shut the door in our faces!

**Angry Singer:** LETS BREAK IN!!!

**ALL: (towards the audience in a war cry) CHARGE!!!!**

**Lead Singer:** NO NO NO!

***They freeze***

**Lead Singer:** Remember we need to be professional!!

***Everyone nods***

**Lead Singer:** To the next house!

***They all shuffle to the right. A member of the ensemble moves forward and rings the bell***

**Singer:** BING BONG!

***No one answers. They try again.***

**Singer:** BING BONG! BING BONG! BING BONG!

***The door opens and they all take a deep breath***

**House Owner:** WILL YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE! I JUST WANT SOME PEACE!

***They all react upset***

**Singer:** They shouted at us!! Again!

**Angry Singer:** Get them!

**ALL: (towards the audience in a war cry)** GET THEM!!!!

**Choir Leader:** STOP! Remember it is Christmas!

**All:** Oh Yeah!

**Choir Leader:** To the next house

***They all shuffle SL***

***A member of the ensemble moves forward.***

**Singer:** KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

**The ensemble all look down CS as if a small puppy is at the door.**

**All:** AWWWWWWW!

**Singer:** It is a little puppy

**All:** AWWWWWWW!

***There is a loud bark and the ensemble run for cover.***

**Choir Leader:** Well, this has been a disaster!! None of you can sing and you have ruined Christmas for everyone!

**Singer:** We have ruined Christmas? What about you!

***Everybody begins to argue and blame each other. After a few seconds they all turn towards the audience with their arms folded.***

**Narrator:** It is a shame at this time of year for people to be mad

**Narrator:** To argue, be mean and tell each other we are bad.

**Narrator:** So, let us move our focus to something more pleasant.

**Narrator:** To the kids all around who are opening presents.

**Music**

***The ensemble become kids carrying boxes and carefully opening them. They begin to play with the toys inside. They spread out across the isles.***

**Narrator:** On Christmas morning we hope to find calm

**Narrator:** As the children open present with grace and with charm

**Narrator:** Unfortunately, the calm doesn't last very long

**Narrator:** When the spoilt children think their presents are wrong

***Each of the following snap out of the picture and shout***

**Child 1:** Why would you get me this? Get me something else immediately!

**Child 2:** You know I do not like blue! I wanted red! Worst day ever!

**Child 3:** I said I wanted a pony! Does this look like a pony!

**Child 4:** Grandma! Why can't you get anything right?

**Child 5:** This is not good enough! You have spoilt Christmas

***The whole ensemble begins to complain about their presents. One of the ensemble run forward and points to the back of the cathedral.***

**Boy:** LOOK!

***They all stare in silence***

**Narrator:** And in that moment they saw from a far!

**Narrator:** A lone, bright, shining star.

**Narrator:** And in this moment of silence, with the star brightly gleaming

**Narrator:** They began to remember the true Christmas meaning.

**Narrator:** A Stable

**Narrator:** A Mother

**Narrator:** With a precious new boy

**Narrator:** And no longer were the people thinking of toys

**Narrator:** No longer were they divided by trivial things

**Narrator:** Like choirs who argue when they are trying to sing

**Narrator:** When they gazed up at the sky, they didn't search for a sleigh

**Narrator:** But thought of God's son lying content in the hay

**Narrator:** A child that brings love and hope to all humankind

**Narrator:** And brings peace in a way that you cannot describe

***The ensemble come together***

**Narrator:** Because Christmas can be hectic, busy and loud

**Narrator:** It is hard to think straight when you are in a crowd

**Narrator:** Times have been tough, and it is important to

**Narrator:** Give thanks to the people who have gotten us through

Narrator: A neighbour

Narrator: A friend

Narrator: A doctor

**Narrator:** Or Nurse

**Narrator:** The people who always put others first

Narration: Take time to remember the kindness of others

Narration: And give a big hug to your sisters or brothers

**Narrator:** So, this Christmas we hope you sit down for your roast

**Narrator:** And find peace with the people you love the most.

***The cast smiles***

**END**