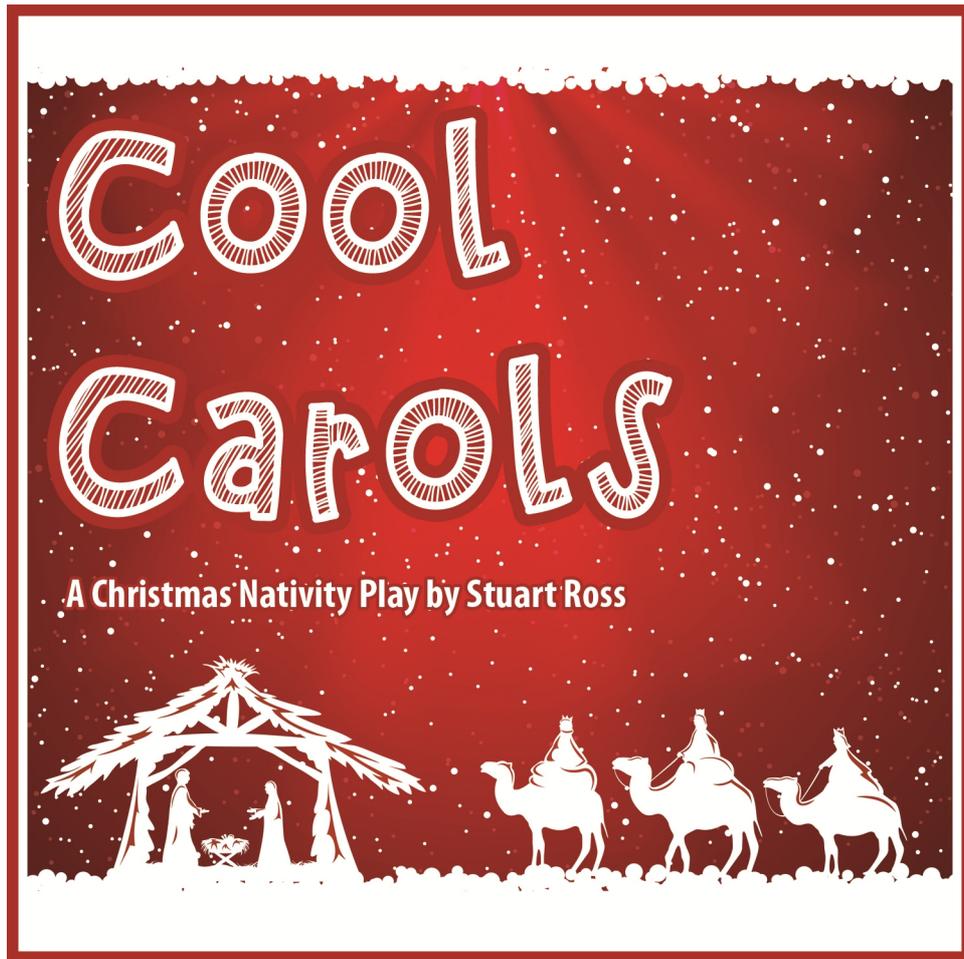


Cool Carols

SCRIPT SAMPLE DOCUMENT



INTRODUCTION: Thank you for looking at this sample from 'Cool Carols', a nativity musical play, which can be performed by all ages from 7 upwards.

SYNOPSIS: The scripts are a simple, literal retelling of the biblical nativity story. Both scripts use rhyming verse, traditional carols with modern music, and optional bible readings. Unlike other nativities, the script begins with the prophet Isaiah. It then moves on to Mary being visited by the angel, the journey to Bethlehem, the search for an inn, the manger scene, the shepherds visited by the angels, and the wise men's journey to Bethlehem.

TWO SCRIPTS: Two editable scripts are included in your purchase:

- **PLAY SCRIPT VERSION:** This simple rhyming script has speaking roles for twelve characters, plus dozens of narrators' parts. See cast list below for further details.
- **NARRATORS VERSION:** Contains the same material as the play script version, but the story is told entirely through narrators with no acting roles. This version can be performed with or without costumes and scenery. It is therefore very easy to stage.

TIMING: If you stick exactly to the script, this performance should take about 40 minutes. However, you can easily shorten or lengthen the production by 20-30 minutes either way, using the provided editable versions of the scripts. Suggestions of ways to easily change the timing can be found in the detailed 'production notes' which are also included in your purchase.

CAST LIST

<i>Part</i>	<i>Details</i>
Narrator/s	PLAY-SCRIPT VERSION: There are around 18 rhyming verses in this script that are marked for narrators (75 lines altogether). In addition, there are several optional bible readings, which could be split between dozens more narrators. NARRATORS ONLY SCRIPT: There are around 29 verses of rhyme in this script that are marked for narrators (118 lines altogether). In addition, there are several optional bible readings, which could be split between dozens more narrators.
Isaiah	Has eight lines. Isaiah can also sing part of song 2 as a solo, if required.
Angel	Has six lines in the scene with Mary and has another six lines in the scene with the shepherds. This can be two different angels if you wish.
Mary	Has four lines. Mary can also sing part of song 3 as a solo if required.
Joseph	Has five lines.
Roman Soldier	Has four lines.
Innkeeper	Has six lines. Alternatively, you can have Mr and Mrs Innkeeper with three lines each.
Shepherds & Kings	There are three shepherds and three kings. Each character has two lines each.
Angels	A choir of angels meet the shepherds. Although they have no spoken lines, they can perform part of song 6-Shepherd Medley, through song, dance, air-guitars, etc.
Optional Extras	As part of the material you will receive, this section includes ideas for dozens more small roles.

COOL CAROLS – Play Script Version

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NARRATORS: Once more we've come to that time of year,
When the festive season is drawing near,
Our homes are bursting with trees and lights,
Warm fires protect from the cold, dark nights.

It's time to share cards and gifts around,
It's time for snow to cover the ground,
It's time to kiss under mistletoe,
And it's time for a big jolly, 'ho-ho-ho'.

But most importantly for today,
It's time to perform our Christmas play!
So now, without any further ado,
We're going to sing the first song to you.

Song 1: Joy To The World

NARRATORS: To tell you about the first ever Christmas,
You'd think that we'd start with the birth of Jesus,
Instead seven centuries further back,
A man called Isaiah can get us on track.

Isaiah was a prophet, which meant that he knew,
The exciting new things that God planned to do,
To help make the earth a much better place,
To improve things for the whole human race.

ISAIAH: One great thing that God showed to me, Isaiah,
Was that one day God would send a 'Messiah',
A special ruler who would come to the world,
With love for each man, woman, boy and girl.

I wrote a bible book with numerous lines,
And if you read it, you'll see in chapter nine,
That I write about Jesus' birth, it's true!
What did I write? We will sing it for you.

OPTIONAL BIBLE READING: Isaiah chapter 9 verses 6 & 7

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David.

Song 2: **A Child Is Born To Us**

NARRATORS: Fast forward seven hundred years or so,
 In Israel there was a stunning show,
 It started in Nazareth with young Mary,
 Who met with an angel, which was quite scary!

ANGEL: Greetings favoured woman. The Lord is with you.

NARRATORS: What could this mean? Mary had no clue.

ANGEL: Don't be frightened, I come with great joy,
 Very soon you will have a baby boy!
 His name will be Jesus, the Most High's Son.

MARY: Whatever you say, may the Lord's will be done.

ANGEL: To the throne of David, He will ascend,
 His reign and His Kingdom will never end!

MARY: I am the Lord's servant and I am willing to,
 Do whatever God wants me to do.

NARRATORS: As the angel left, Mary felt so amazed,
 That she sang to God, she worshipped and praised.

OPTIONAL BIBLE READING: Luke chapter 1 verses 28 to 38:
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 Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over
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SONG 3: **Mary's Song**

NARRATORS: Several months later, look ahead and see,
 The Emperor, Augustus, issued a decree,
 A Roman soldier came to Nazareth to say,
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