

Cast

These are the speaking parts; of course, you can include as many extra Stars, Shepherds, Travellers and Angels as you like.

Small Star An important character; needs to be a confident performer. Solo singing in **Homesick**

Stars 1-4 These characters comment on the story, as they watch from above.

Star Teacher

Christmas Star She can be an extra Star until Scene 7, when she becomes more important!

The **Shepherds** are an entertaining group with lots to do and say:

Small Shepherd (A key role - not necessarily the smallest child!)

Bossy Shepherd

Keen Shepherd

Grumpy Shepherd

Hungry Shepherd

Cheery Shepherd

3 Kings Important roles, but not too many lines. They sing together in **Ask A Camel**

3 Camels Brief, comic roles

8 Travellers As well as the speaking parts, the lively Travellers group have lots of unison responses and fun acting to do in Scenes 4 and 6.

4 Innkeepers The Innkeepers don't appear until Scene 6, so could be part of another chorus group until then.

Angels 1-3 Three speaking parts, and any number of extras.

Starstruck

Scene 1: Star School

Song 1: Star School

All

CD 1/8

Star School, sparkle and shine
Sparkle and shine, sparkle and shine
Star School, sparkle and shine,
That's what we learn at Star School
That's what we learn at school

Shine as bright as you can
Bright as you can, bright as you can
Shine as bright as you can
That's what we learn at Star School
That's what we learn at school

Billions of galaxies
That's where we roam
They call it infinity
We call it home, sweet home

Star School, sparkle and shine
Sparkle and shine, sparkle and shine
Star School, sparkle and shine,
That's what we learn at Star School
That's what we learn at school!

(After the song, all the stars sit in one corner of the stage, looking up expectantly at the Teacher.)

Star Teacher: Well done everybody!

Star 1: Is it playtime yet?

Teacher: Have you tidied up the glitter?

All stars: Yes!

Teacher: Off you go then. But don't go near the edge!

All stars: Hurray!

(The stars jump up and run around the stage. Some play clapping games, hopscotch, skipping etc. Small Star comes forward and peers over the edge.)

Star 2: Hey! What are you doing?

All stars: Be careful!

Small Star: I'm just having a look!

Star 3: You might fall!

(The other stars gather together nervously, as far from the edge as possible, and hang on to each other)

Small star: I can see a man and a woman on a donkey!

All stars: A donkey???

Small Star: She looks really tired.

Star 4: The donkey?

Small Star: No, the woman!

Star 1: What else can you see?

Small Star: *(Excited)* I can see three kings! With camels!

All stars: Camels??

Small Star: And guess what - whoops!

(Small star twirls offstage as the others rush forward and try to catch her)

Star 2: She's fallen off!

All stars: Noooooooo!

Star 3: We'd better go and tell the teacher.

(Exit stars, with Star 4 hanging back for a last look)

Star 4: Come back, Small Star!

(Incidental Music – falling music)

CD 2/9

Scene 2: The Shepherds

(Enter Shepherds. Grumpy Shepherd sits down for a rest.)

Bossy Shepherd: Right, lads! We've got work to do!

Keen Shepherd: I'm ready.

Hungry shepherd: I've brought the sandwiches!

Small shepherd: Where are we going today?

Grumpy shepherd: I bet it's up a hill.

Keen Shepherd: *(Pointing)* Can you see those sheep?

Small Shepherd: *(Looking)* On the hillside?

Cheery Shepherd: Yay! That's where we're going.

Grumpy Shepherd: See? A hillside. I knew it.

Hungry Shepherd: Can we have the sandwiches yet?

Bossy Shepherd: Not until we get there!

Grumpy Shepherd: It's a long walk yet. And uphill. It's always uphill.

Cheery Shepherd: It's downhill on the way back.

Grumpy Shepherd: Yes, but what I want to know is, what's wrong with the flat fields?

Keen Shepherd: Oh, stop moaning! Let's go!

(Shepherds start to exit.)

Hungry Shepherd: I've brought cheese and pickle.

Grumpy Shepherd: I hate cheese and pickle.

(Exit Shepherds, except for Small Shepherd who has stopped to mend his crook)

Small Shepherd: *(Listening)* What's that?

(Small Star twirls onstage and crashes into him. Both scream and jump away from each other. Small Star falls to the ground)

Small Star: I'm on the ground! Oh no!

Small Shepherd: Who are you?

Small Star: I'm a star! I'm not supposed to be here!

Small Shepherd: *(Helping her up)* Don't worry, I'll help you.

(Enter Shepherds. Star tries to hide behind Small Shepherd)

Bossy Shepherd: Oi! What are you doing?

Keen Shepherd: Come on! We're waiting for you!

Grumpy Shepherd: Wait a minute... who's THAT?

(Star comes forward nervously)

Small Shepherd: She's a star!

Shepherds: A STAR???

Star: Yes! I fell down, and now I don't know how to get back up!

(She jumps about, trying to launch herself back up)

Grumpy Shepherd: She might as well come with us. We're going up a hill, at least.

Star: Maybe I'll never get home!