

# *Cast List*

<b>Narrator 1 and 2</b>	These introduce each scene with short readings. You could easily use more than two children if you have a larger cast.
<b>Sarah</b>	This is the character who links everything together, so needs to be a confident performer. It's nice if she can sing some short solo lines, but not essential - everyone can sing with her if you prefer.
<b>Innkeepers and Wives</b>	There are 5 Innkeeper couples. Innkeeper 1 and Wife 1 are Sarah's parents, and have most to do.
<b>Visitors</b>	A chorus group. There are lines for Visitors 1 to 5
<b>Shepherds</b>	There are some fun scenes for this chorus group. Shepherds 1 to 5 have lines, but you can include more.
<b>Boss Shepherd</b>	Cast someone loud and bossy!
<b>Sheep</b>	They have no lines except 'Baaa!' - but can make this expressive! They will need to practice their 'wandering off' scenes with the shepherds.
<b>Stars</b>	Stars 1 to 5 have a few lines each, plus as many extras as you like to join in with the 'Twinkle!' lines. They can also perform a dance in 'Everybody wants to Be A Christmas Star' if you like.
<b>Big Star</b>	A short but important role.
<b>Kings</b>	A brief appearance with a few lines each.
<b>Mary &amp; Joseph:</b>	Key roles, of course, but without too much to learn.

# *The “Not Now!” Nativity*

*(A crowded scene, including: a large group of Visitors; 5 Innkeeper & Wife pairs, dotted around stage at their imaginary Inns; 2 Narrators at the side of the stage; Extra Citizens if you like)*

## *Song 1: Something’s Going On*

**(All)**

CD track 1/10

**Something’s going on here in Bethlehem  
Hustling, bustling, rushing around  
See all the people  
Hundreds of people  
Suddenly they’re crowding into town!**

**Anybody born here in Bethlehem  
Has their Roman taxes to pay  
See all the people  
Hundreds of people  
Where are all these people gonna stay?**

(shouted)

***Mop the floors! Make the beds!  
Clean the windows! Scrub the steps!  
Shake the rugs! Put up the signs!  
Room for rent, room for rent,  
Come and stay with us!***

(sung)

**Business will be good here in Bethlehem  
People will be needing a bed  
Make up the bedroom  
Wash down the bathroom  
Better bake an extra loaf of bread**

**Something’s going on here in Bethlehem  
Pushing, shoving, oh what a fuss  
All in a hurry  
No need to worry  
Come on in and rent a room with us!**

1st Innkeeper pair: ***With us!***

2nd Innkeeper pair: ***With us!***

3rd Innkeeper pair: ***With us!***

All: **Come on in and rent a room with us!**

## *Scene 1*

Narrator 1: It was a very busy day in the city of Bethlehem.

Narrator 2: There were lots of visitors in town.

Visitor 1: I'm looking for a place to stay!

Visitor 2: I need a room for the night.

All Visitors: Me too!

*(The Innkeepers come forward to greet the Visitors and direct them to their Inns,. There could be some 'Welcome! This way! Come in!' hubbub. Visitors gather in groups near the Inns)*

Narrator 1: The Innkeepers were having a wonderful time.

Narrator 2: All the Inns and hotels were full of visitors.

Innkeeper 1: I've only got a few rooms left.

Innkeeper 2: I'm making lots of money!

All Innkeepers: Me too!

Wife 1: But it's hard work looking after these visitors.

Wife 2: We have to make the beds...

Wife 3: Serve the drinks...

Wife 4: Cook the dinner...

Wife 5: Wash the pots...

Wife 1: I hate washing the pots.

All the Wives: Me too!!

Wife 2: Let's make THEM do it!

Innkeepers: Oh, no!

*(Wives go and grab innkeepers, pulling them over to their Inns. All exit except Innkeeper 1 and his Wife. Both get busy, sweeping, washing up etc)*

Wife 1:                   When you've finished washing up, you can empty the bins.

Innkeeper 1:           It's not fair! *(rolls up sleeves)*

*(Enter Sarah, their daughter.)*

Sarah:                   Hello Dad! Can I sing you a song?

Innkeeper 1:           Not now. But you could wash up.

Wife 1:                   That's YOUR job!

Sarah:                   I've made up a song. Can I sing it to you, Mum?

Wife 1:                   Not now! Can't you see I'm busy?

## *Song 2: Hear My Song*

**Sarah/Everyone**

**CD Track 2/11**

NB Sarah can sing the first half as a solo if you like, but it's not essential.

Sarah/All:              **Do you want to hear my song?  
Short and sweet, won't take very long  
Do you want to hear my song?  
Short and sweet, won't take very long.**

Innkeepers/All:       **No, no, can't you see  
We're as busy as can be  
All wrapped up with grown-up things  
Got no time for a girl who sings!**

*(Exit all)*

## Scene 2

Narrator 1: So Sarah decided to go and see her friends, the Shepherds.

Narrator 2: They were having a terrible time.

Narrator 1: Their sheep kept running off. They would not do as they were told!

*(Enter a group of Shepherds and their unruly flock of sheep. They try to keep the sheep centre stage, but they keep wandering off. )*

Boss Shepherd: Come on! We've got to sort these sheep out!

Shepherd 1: Behave yourselves!

Sheep: BAAAAA!

Shepherd 2: Why do they keep running away?

Shepherd 3: I think they're hungry.

Sheep: BAAAAA!

Shepherd 4: Let's take them up to the hillside.

Shepherd 5: There's plenty of grass there.

Sheep: BAAAAA!

*(Sarah enters)*

Sarah: Oh hello! What are you doing?

Boss Shepherd: We're taking these sheep to the hillside.

Sarah: Can I sing you a song?

SHEEP: BAAAAAA!

Shepherds: Not now! We're busy!