



## **He Came Down: A Very Special Nativity**

This nativity is designed to be used in a special needs context. The narrator does almost all of the work, reading wise. The actors are free to then act out the drama, with a few lines for them to say if they wish - but miming is fine too.

The words **in blue** are not rhyming but are optional lines to be said by actors (or by speech computers).

There are optional songs at intervals:

Little Donkey

Away in a Manger

We Three Kings

Joy to the World or We Wish You A Merry Christmas

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## **FULL SCRIPT: BOTH NARRATION AND ACTORS LINES**

**NARRATOR:**

**Welcome to all of you, please take a seat,  
We want to now share a nativity treat,  
To mothers and fathers and carers and grans,  
We thank you for coming, now these are our plans.  
This story of Christmas we'll tell it in rhyme,  
Some actors have lines, while some of us mime,  
Some folks will hold signs and others will bray,  
And some of our lines a computer will say!  
So get out your cameras, take many a snap,  
And do please remember to sing, cheer and clap.**

**Our story begins with a youngster named Mary,  
An unmarried girl who heard something scary...**

**An angel called Gabriel came down to say:  
“Dear Mary, I bring you good tidings this day,  
You’ve not known a man but you will have joy,  
You're going to have a blessed baby boy.”**

**GABRIEL TO MARY:**

**Dear Mary, you're going to have a baby boy called Jesus!**

**Mary was speechless she didn't know how  
These things could have happened but still she bowed.**

MARY TO GABRIEL:

I don't understand, but I trust God!

**Then that same angel appeared to Joe  
Who was worried when Mary had started to show.  
But Gabriel said, "You may find this odd,  
But trust me, these things are all coming from God.  
Mary is carrying God's only Son -  
The Saviour of old, the Promised One.  
So call His name "Jesus" - your Maker in skin,  
He's come now to save all His people from sin."**

GABRIEL TO JOSEPH:

The baby inside Mary is God's Son. Call Him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

**So Joseph decided to stay by her side,  
And promised that Mary would still be his bride.**

JOSEPH TO GABRIEL:

I trust God and I will stand by Mary.

**Meanwhile great Caesar Augustus in Rome,  
Made a decree: "Return to your home!"  
For Joseph this ruling meant Bethlehem town,  
So they rode on their donkey, all the way down.**

CAESAR:

Everyone has to go back to their home town.

DONKEY:

Ee-aww.

### **SONG: *Little Donkey Carry Mary***

**When they came to Bethlehem, Mary was blooming  
But they could not find hotels with room in.  
They asked one innkeeper "Are you able?"  
He scratched his chin and said: "Use my stable."**

JOSEPH TO INN KEEPER

Please do you have any rooms? My wife is about to give birth!

INN KEEPER TO JOSEPH

You can stay in my stable.

**So Jesus was born in a cold cattle shed,  
And a manger became His King-size bed.**

### **SONG: *Away In A Manger***

**Now out in the fields an angel appeared  
To shepherds who cowered and all of them feared.  
The angel said "Peace! I bring you good news!  
The Saviour is born, so put on your shoes.  
Hurry to town and don't be a stranger,  
He's wrapped up in cloths and laid in a manger."**

**ANGEL TO SHEPHERDS**

Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people.  
Today in Bethlehem the Saviour is born. You can find him lying in a manger.

**Just at that point a heavenly throng  
Arrived in great glory and sang a new song.**

**CHORUS OF ANGELS TO SHEPHERDS:  
Glory to God and peace on earth!**

**So the shepherds all hurried to old Bethlehem  
To worship the baby who had come for them.**

**CHORUS OF ANGELS TO SHEPHERDS:  
Glory to God and peace on earth!**

**Away in the east there lived some wise men,  
Who followed a star wherever it went.**

## THREE KINGS

Let's follow the star, it will take us to the great King.

**They knew it would lead them to worship the King,  
So they brought with them gifts and that's why we sing.**

### **SONG: *We Three Kings***

**So gathered around that wee baby boy,  
All people are welcome, to know heaven's joy,  
From angels to donkeys, from shepherds to kings,  
The little Lord Jesus, God's welcome He brings.**

**He came to our darkness from heaven above,  
He stooped to the crib and the cross out of love.  
He shared in our weakness and meekness and mess,  
And still He embraced us, nevertheless.**

**If you're feeling rejected, excluded, a stranger,  
Remember the one who came down to the manger.  
No one's left out by this God become small,  
So have a blessed Christmas, one and all.**

### **SONG: *Joy to the World or We Wish You A Merry Christmas***



