PETE
MAMA, WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE TODAY
ON THE EVE OF ALL THAT'S LIGHT AND GAY
TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS CHRISTMAS PLAY!

JANIE/TOMMY/ZUZU

OOH…

PETE
WE HAVE READ THE HOLY BOOK,
AND ITS LESSONS WE HAVE TOOK—

JANIE
(Correcting him)

Taken…

PETE
What?

JANIE
You mean “taken”.

PETE
Whatever!

JANIE
TONIGHT,
WE PRESENT A PARABLE,

TOMMY
IN COSTUMES SORT OF WEARABLE.

PETE
THERE IS NO SHOW COM-“PAIR”-ABLE!

JANIE
Comparable.

PETE
Ugggggh.

ZUZU
(incredibly cute)

WE HOPE YOU FIND IT BEARABLE.

PETE
Hit it!
(MUSIC in)
MARY AND JOSEPH ON THE GO
WALKIN’ ALL THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM
MARY, SHE WAS TIRED, JO’, HE WAS TO SLOW
WHAT WAS TO BECOME OF THEM?

MARY AND JOSEPH, YOU WILL HAVE A SON
AND HE WILL BE THE HOLY ONE.

(TOMMY and ZUZU repeat, “Holy one... Holy one...” with the music underneath the follow?)

Okay.

MARY AND JOSEPH, I HEAR YOUR CONCERN.
BUT PAY ATTENTION CAUSE I’VE GOT A LESSON YOU CAN LEARN.
WHEN YOU’RE SCARED WITH NOWHERE TO GO,
HERE’S A LITTLE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.
THE DARKEST NIGHTS MEAN THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTS
TOMORROW
AND THE HARDEST FIGHTS MEAN THE HIGHEST HEIGHTS
TOMORROW
AND IF IT ALL SEEMS MUCH TOO HARD TODAY,
IF NOTHING SEEMS TO GO YOUR WAY,
JUST HOLD YOU HEAD UP HIGH AND LET US SAY,
FOCUS ON TOMORROW

OTHERS

FAST FORWARD!

MARY AND JOSEPH, FEELIN’ LOW.
AS THEY’RE TRYNA FIND A PLACE TO STAY,
TIRED FEET, OUT OF DOUGH
AND THE HOLIEST OF BABIES ON THE WAY.

PETE (AND OTHERS)

THEN AN INNKEEPER APPEARED,
(THE INNKEEPER APPEARED!)
WITH A BIG OL’ SCRATCHY BEARD
(SCRATCHY-SCRATCHY BEARD!)

PETE

MARY AND JOSEPH,
I HEAR YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY
WELL, WELCOME TO YOUR BED OF HAY!

(Underscoring with vocals, “Hay!”)

JANIE

You have got to be kidding me. Literally, for the love of God.

TOMMY

AT LEAST WE’VE GOT A ROOF OVERHEAD,
LET’S NOT FORGET THE WORDS THE ANGEL SAID:

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TOMORROW
AND THE HARDEST FIGHTS MEAN THE HIGHEST HEIGHTS
TOMORROW

TOMMY/JANIE

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OHH YEAH!

TOMMY
Wait, wait, wait, you know who we're forgetting about?

JANIE
Who?

TOMMY
Only the most important character in this whole story...
(pulls out a stuffed animal)
The donkey!

(rapped)
WHAT ABOUT ME,
I'M THE DONKEY,
NEVER GETS A LOOKSY,
WHO'S HE??
TRULY NEVER GETTIN' CREDIT
GETTIN' CUT OUT IN THE EDIT,
SO NO ONE EVER READ IT,
WHAT I DID.
HER BABY MAY BE THE SON OF GOD, YOU READ.
BUT HOW ABOUT A NOD FOR THE ODD IN THE SQUAD,
WHO'S A QUADRUPED?
SHE CARRIED HIM, BUT I CARRIED HER,
YET NO ONE EVER TALKS ABOUT THE HERO WITH THE FUR.
WHAT WHAT WHAT, WITH THE FUR?
WHAT WHAT WHAT, WITH THE FUR?
WHAT, WHAT, WHAT...

(Everyone is now staring at Tommy with disbelief.)

What?!

PETE
Stick to the script, Tommy.

TOMMY
Fine.

ZUZU
And suddenly, in the dark and crowded stable, with her husband and their beloved donkey by her side, Mary gave birth to the son of God…
PETE/JANIE/TOMMY

JESUS!

PETE

‘Cause you see, Mom...

PETE/JANIE/TOMMY

SOMETIMES CHRISTMAS ISN’T EASY
THAT’S SOMETHING THAT WE NOW WE KNOW
‘CAUSE SLEEPING IN THAT STABLE WASN’T EASY

ZUZU

AND WHERE THEY HAD CHRISTMAS, THERE WASN’T ANY SNOW!

ALL

IF MARY AND HER HUSBAND COULD DO IT,
DO THE HARDEST THING THEY’D EVER DONE,
WE’LL PUT ON THIS PARTY AND GET THROUGH IT,
AND IF THIS DAY IS HARD, WELL, IT’S ONLY ONE

AND THE DARKEST NIGHTS MEAN THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTS
TOMORROW
AND THE HARDEST FIGHTS MEAN THE HIGHEST HEIGHTS
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