

# The Greatest Christmas Card in the Whole Wide World

Holiday Concert Script for Elementary School Chorus

by Betsy Lee Bailey

## Setting:

Risers are set for the Chorus across the center of the stage with 2 smaller stage areas or platforms set to the sides for the “Christmas Cards” scenes.

## Suggestions:

This show requires six different Christmas Card scenes. They could be used in different ways. The “cards” could be painted to look like oversized Christmas Cards complete with various *Christmas Greetings* with figures whose faces are cut out so that live children can poke their faces through to say their lines. If this is not practical, the large painted flats could be arranged so that live child actors could pose in front of them as part of the “scene” in order to say their lines. The scenes could be concealed behind drapes and revealed as they are used, or they could be brought on and changed out by the stage crew. One group painted all of the scenes in a “book” and “opened” to the new page as the show progressed.



*(The Clip Art shown throughout is just to help give you ideas of where to start in designing your own sets.)*

## Opener – “The Greatest Christmas Card in the Whole Wide World”

Sung by Children’s Chorus

Words and music by Betsy Lee Bailey

**SCENE 1** – Christmas card with envelope (*card should have two child figures on it*)

Child 1 - *Do you have a stamp?*

Child 2 - *No, I don’t carry stamps around with me.*

Child 1 - *How about a Christmas Seal?*

Child 2 - *No! Don’t you remember, I’m on this card, too?*

Child 1 – *Well how do you think this message is going to get sent without the proper postage?*

Child 2 – *Well, we are on one of those new “musical” Christmas cards. Maybe if the music is loud enough and pretty enough – the message will get through anyhow!*



**Song – “Have a Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas”**

Sung by Children’s Chorus  
Words and Music by Ruth Lyons

*SET CHANGE – SCENE 2 “Carolers”*

**Song – “Caroling, Caroling”**

Sung by Children’s Chorus  
Words by Willa Huston Music by Alfred Burt



**SCENE 2 – Carolers in the Snow**

*Set should have at least two children and a lamp post.*

Child 3      *You know, carolers are always pictured as marching through the snow...*

Child 4      *And ringing jingle bells...*

Child 3      *But I’ve never actually seen it snow here in (name town). (Or you could say “...snow here in \_\_\_\_\_ in time for Christmas!”)*

Child 4      *Actually, I think I’d freeze if it ever snowed here! (Or “Well, I am just not ready for SNOW!”)*

Child 3      *But just once, don’t you wish we’d have a white Christmas?*

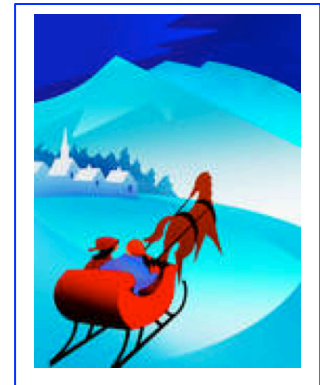
**Song – “White Christmas” – sung by Children’s Chorus**

Words and Music by Irving Berlin

*SET CHANGE – SCENE 3 “Winter Wonderland”*

**Song – “Sleigh Ride”**

Sung by Chorus *(with soloists, bells, and horse hooves)*  
Words by Mitchell Parish Music by Leroy Anderson



*SCENE 3 – Winter Wonderland with sleigh, pond, evergreen trees and at least two child figures*

Child 5      *Brr! It sure is cold out here!*

Child 6      *It “nips your toes and bites your nose” all right!*

Child 7      *Wait! What’s that I see over by the pond?*

Child 6      *Look! It’s a snowman!*

Child 5            *But who are all those people with him? Hey! They're heading this way!*

Child 6            *They must be having a party tonight!*

**Song – “Dance, Mister Snowman”** - Sung by Chorus, danced by Snowman and dancers  
(on stage or small platform set or even in the aisles)  
Arrangement by Janie Thompson

*SET CHANGE – SCENE 4 “Special Christmas Memories”*

**Song – “Christmas Alphabet”**- Sung by Chorus  
Words and Music by Buddy Kaye and Jules Loman  
Arrangement by Betsy Lee Bailey

*Children use letter cards to spell out C-H-R-I-S-T- M-A-S*



**SCENE 4 – “Kitchen”** (2 children making cookies) or a “Hearth” (with 2 children hanging up stockings)

Child 7            *It's that time of year again! The family gets together...*

Child 8            *Mom makes her world-famous gingerbread cookies...*

Child 7            *Dad can't wait to watch every college bowl game...*

Child 8            *Beautiful Christmas music playing constantly...*

Child 7            *Grandma bakes about a million pies...*

Child 8            *Grandpa builds all kinds of interesting things in his shop...*

Child 7            *Christmas is my very favorite time of the year... because of all the warm feelings I get inside.*

Child 8            *Yes, it really is the most wonderful time of the year!*

**Song – “This Is That Time of the Year” Medley** (excerpt)  
Sung by Chorus  
Arrangement by Pete King

*SET CHANGE – SCENE 5 – Close-up of ornaments*

**Song – “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”** - Sung by Chorus  
Words and Music by Johnny Marks



**SCENE 5** – Two Christmas ornaments hanging on the tree talking

- Child 9        *I haven't noticed you hanging around here before.*
- Child 10       *Oh, I'm new this year. The Missus picked me up for a song at Pic 'n Save (insert name of local dollar store).*
- Child 9        *Well, nice to meet you. I was new last year. So were a lot of the other ornaments.*
- Child 10       *This family seems to really enjoy "decking the halls" and all that stuff.*
- Child 9        *Sure, and trimming the tree is a time honored tradition.*

**Song** – **"Merry Christmas, Trim Your Tree"** - Sung by the Kindergarteners

**"Merry Christmas, Trim Your Tree"**

*Sung to the tune of "Are You Sleeping, Brother John"*

*Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas  
Trim your tree, Trim your tree  
Christmas Bells are ringing,  
Christmas Bells are ringing  
Ding dong ding, Ding dong ding    REPEAT (Use simple hand motions)*

**SET CHANGE** – **SCENE 6** Santa with children

**"Up on the Housetop"** - Sung by the Kindergarteners  
*Words and Music by Benjamin R. Hamby*

**SCENE 6** Two children are waiting in line to see Santa

- Child 11       *Oh, you'd better watch out...*
- Child 12       *You'd better not cry...*
- Child 11       *Better not pout...*
- Child 12       *Oh, but it's getting harder to try!*
- Child 11       *What's the matter? Don't you want Santa to come?*
- Child 12       *Oh, I'm hoping he'll come all right. I'm just tired of being good before Christmas!*



**Poem – “I’m Tired of Being Good Before Christmas” – spoken by older grades**  
*Written by Ashley Nicole Johnson*

I'm tired of being good before Christmas.  
I'm tired of eating spinach and corn,  
But mother says Santa is watching  
Right up until next Christmas morn.  
I hate being nice to my sister  
And sharing my very best toys.  
I'd rather be ugly and selfish  
And run around making loud noise.



And why do I have to say thank you,  
And may I, and yes ma'am, and please?  
I'd rather be known as a tough guy  
With an image just like Mr. T's.  
And then there's an issue of homework.  
I've done it without one complaint.  
My teacher's amazed with my effort  
And my parents are ready to faint.



I want to rebel and be lazy  
And dye my hair purple and green,  
But then I'd get nothing for Christmas,  
And be grounded until I'm 16.  
I'm trying my best to be pleasant,  
I'm trying to do what I should,  
But if Christmas won't hurry and get here,  
I'll freak out from being so good.



**Song – “Don’t Wait ‘til the Night Before Christmas to Be Good” – Sung by Chorus**  
*Arrangement by Betsy Lee Bailey*

**Song Reprise – “The Greatest Christmas Card in the Whole Wide World”**

**Song – “We Wish You the Merriest, the Merriest” (Shortened)**  
*Words and Music by Brown and Haloran*

**THE END**

*Notes: These are just the songs I chose to use. There are so many, many songs out there!  
Feel free to adapt the script by inserting your own choice of songs.*