

Nativity Rap - Line Dance

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Thank you all for coming to our show tonight

'Bout the baby Jesus and a star so bright,

Mary and Joseph and the wise men too,

The shepherds and a stable – to give a preview!

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An angel came from heaven to Mary and said,

"Fear not!" (*clap, clap*) "No dread!" (*clap, clap*)

"A baby is a- coming, He's the Son of God

It's true! (*clap, clap*) To you! (*clap, clap*)

"How can that be?" Mary said in return.

"I'm a girl, just young, not yet seventeen!"

"Trust in God," said the angel, "and this King will be born!"

"Okay!" (*clap, clap*) "I'm on board!" (*clap, clap*)

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Mary went to visit in the hill country

"Hi Liz!" (*clap, clap*) "It's me!" (*clap, clap*)

"My baby gave a leap," Cousin 'Lizabeth said,

"Come near!" (*clap, clap*) "Sit here!" (*clap, clap*)

"You are one special girl, young Mary, my dear."

"Not me!" (*clap, clap*) "Couldn't be! (*clap, clap*)

"My soul praises God and I rejoice,

That God didn't mind my ordin'riness.

God loves us all and looks out for the poor.

God scatters the proud and shows them the door."

"Mm hm!" (*clap, clap*) "God's good!" (*clap, clap*)

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Mary's Joseph was a carpenter and worked with wood.

Made stuff (*bang fists twice*) for the 'hood (*bang fists twice*)

He was flummoxed when he heard that a babe was on the way

Not his (*shake head*) Uhuh (*shake head*)

An angel came from heaven to Joseph and said

"Fear not!" (*clap, clap*) "Go ahead (*clap, clap*)

Marry Mary and name the baby Jesus, which means

'God saves,' (*clap, clap*) OK?" (*clap, clap*)

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So the pair got married and they settled right down,

Till the day that a Roman soldier marched into town.

"Listen up!" (*clap, clap*) "Hear my voice!" (*clap, clap*)

The Empire's to be counted and you don't have a choice.

Caesar says! (*clap, clap*) Go home! (*clap, clap*)

The Emp-er-or says that everyone must go

to his own family's town. No, you can't say, 'No!'

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So they packed their things and headed out of town

To Bethlehem, where Joseph's family was from.

Mary went too, though the babe was nearly due

Oh no! *(clap, clap)* What'll she do? *(clap, clap)*

They walked and they walked on the dusty road

They'd taken a donkey to share the load.

All three were tired when the town was in sight

"We need a place to stay 'cos we're losing the light."

"Uhuh" *(clap clap)* "That's right." *(clap clap)*

So they knocked on some doors with fading hope,

As answers came: "No!" "No," and "Nope."

In the end, they were offered a roof overhead,

Though not in the house but with livestock instead.

"We'll take it!" said Joseph. "It's out of the cold.

Many thanks, kind sir, your room is sold!"

They made themselves at home with the sheep and the hay,

Not a moment too soon for the babe was on the way.

What now? *(clap clap)* Yes, now! *(clap clap)*

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An angel came from heaven to poor shepherds and said,

“Fear not! *(clap clap)* No dread! *(clap clap)*

A baby has come, it’s the chosen Son of God.

It’s true! *(clap clap)* To you! *(clap clap)*

He’s wrapped up in cloths and lying in a manger

In Bethlehem. Now don’t be a stranger;

You go there now and praise our God -

He’s come! *(clap clap)* The One!” *(clap clap)*

Then the heavenly host came and sang from on high

And their praise rang out and filled the sky

With “Glory to God and peace on the Earth.

Tonight’s the night of the Saviour’s birth!

Praise God! *(clap clap)* He’s come!” *(clap clap)*

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The shepherds hurried off and they asked around.

They searched and searched ‘til at last they found

The stable, the manger, the parents, the babe

Then they fell to their knees and to God they gave praise.

“Praise God! *(clap clap)* He rocks! *(clap clap)*

Our souls praise the Lord and we rejoice,

That God doesn’t mind our ordin’riness.

God loves us all and looks out for the poor.

God scatters the proud and shows them the door.

It’s just amazing that we’re the first

to see God’s Son. We’re usually the worst

at everything but not this time!

We're first! *(clap clap)* We could burst!" *(clap clap)*

They went on their way telling everyone

Just what they'd seen and what God'd done.

"Praise God! *(clap clap)* God's good!" *(clap clap)*

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Now, over in a country far off to the right,

wise men *(clap clap)* searched the night. *(clap clap)*

They saw a star – it was big and bright.

They just knew it was a sign – they saw the light!

"There's a king *(clap clap)* been born. *(clap clap)*

Let's go! *(clap clap)* At dawn!" *(clap clap)*

They travelled far to Israel, the Jewish nation,

Decided that the palace was their destination.

"Uhoh *(clap clap)* Don't they know? *(clap clap)*

Herod is the Tetrarch and he's not a nice man.

He's always in the middle of some horrible plan."

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Now Herod was at home when the wise men came

And wanted to know where the baby lay.

"He's the King of the Jews and we saw His star.

We want to worship Him and we've come far!"

they said. *(clap clap)* "So far!" *(clap clap)*

Herod was mad. "I'm the King," he hissed.

"I must find out where this competition is."

He asked teachers and priests just what they knew

Of a Christ child's birth – like where was it due?

"In Bethlehem, so Micah says,"

the priests replied. "Is that a fez?"

they asked as they looked at the wise men's heads.

Then Herod called the wise men to one side

And asked them the time that the star had arrived.

"Tell me where you find him – I 'll want to come

And worship Him too, since He's the One."

"Sounds fake! (*clap clap*) Stay awake!" (*clap clap*)      (*Hand by mouth – whispering gesture*)

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The wise men travelled on a-following the star

to Bethlehem where the holy family were.

They bowed right down and worshipped, we're told

And gave Him gifts – myrrh, incense and gold.

"Our souls praise God and we rejoice

that God doesn't mind our foreignness.

God loves us all right around the world.

He sent His Son, so God's Kingdom can unfurl."

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An angel came from heaven to the wise men to say,

“Go home *(clap clap)* another way!” *(clap clap)*

They didn’t tell Herod, no sir, no way.

Not fooled *(clap clap)* Hurrah! *(clap clap)*

An angel came from heaven to Joseph to say

“Get up! *(clap clap)* Run away! *(clap clap)*

Herod’s after Jesus – you get out of the way!”

So the new little family, they hurried off too,

Off into the night, as threatened people do.

They stayed in Egypt for several years

Till Herod died and ended their fears.

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But Mary remembered and she often thought

‘bout the night Jesus came and all that it brought:

the kindness of the inn keeper, the stable so warm

the shepherds and the singing of praises to God.

The angels and the wise men and the gifts rich and rare

And the feeling of God being present everywhere.

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When Jesus grew up, he preached the word  
of the kingdom of God, as it started to unfurl.

“My soul sings praises and I rejoice

That God doesn’t mind our ordinariness.

We’re all God’s folk right around the Earth

As we walk with God and love for all we’re worth.

Be kind! *(clap clap)* Be fair! *(clap clap)*

Walk with God! *(clap clap)* He’s here!” *(clap clap)*

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Angel

Mary

Elizabeth

Joseph

Soldier

Donkey

Innkeeper(s) (1 – 4)

Shepherds (2 or 3)

More angels (however many)

Wise men (traditionally 3)

Camel(s) (1 or 2)

Herod

(Soldiers (2?))

Priests/teachers (2 or more)

Grown-up Jesus



If acting out the scenes, around 15 to 30 could comfortably be involved, though I'm sure there are ways of doing it with fewer (eg dress all in white robes and add props to be different people) or more (adding angels, shepherds, priests, inn keepers, general chorus).

Am thinking of various ways of staging this.

- Could have all the actors dressed and lined up with those in current scene stepping forward to act their parts. All could say the words, if they can all get the rhythm – all do the actions anyway. (How would one or two on a mic go with all saying the words behind them? Or most said by a narrator or two and all coming in on the lines with claps?)
- As above but have them come forward in waves – two or four at a time to say a verse or so.
- Have the parts that are spoken by a particular character said by them with the rest said by either all or a group?

I'm imagining an adult conducting it – saying words and doing actions. Could have the words big and facing the kids if necessary?