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CAST LIST (narrated version: cast is the same but with more narrators)

Speaking Parts

Narrator 1 & 2	<i>Or more if preferred.</i>
Little Angel	<i>Main part, SOLO singer.</i>
Gabriel	<i>Main part, SOLO singer (optional).</i>
Angel 1, 2, 3, 4	<i>Plus any number of extra angels.</i>
Mary	
Joseph	
Donkey	
Shepherd 1, 2, 3, 4	<i>Plus any number of extra shepherds.</i>
Lamb	
Sheep	<i>Any number.</i>
King 1, 2, 3	<i>GROUP singing.</i>
Dove	

Non-Speaking Parts

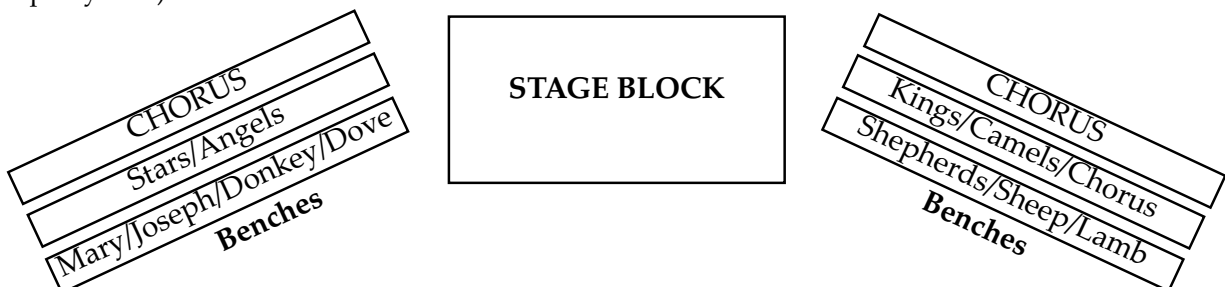
Camels 1, 2, 3 (optional)	
Bright Star	<i>Child to hold up a star in the nativity scene.</i>
Stars	<i>To dance or sparkle during shepherds song (optional).</i>
Chorus	<i>May be dressed as stars or animals.</i>

PROPS

Wings that can easily be attached to Little Angel in last scene
 Stool or hay bale as seat, baby Jesus doll and some 'sewing' for Mary
 Crooks and 'camp fire' for shepherds (optional)
 Gifts for kings - gold, frankincense and myrrh
 'Bright Star' on pole for nativity tableau

STAGING SUGGESTIONS

Example stage layout below. A bare stage is all that is needed, but the production could be made more elaborate, if required. A nativity tableau will need to be created, so bales of hay and suitable scenery would be effective. Children should ideally sit left and right sides of the stage with a centre aisle through the audience for some entrances and exits (but side entrance/exit could work equally well).



Director's Overview

SONG ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM ◉ Track 1 / 12

Scene 1 - Gabriel's News

Gabriel is going to Nazareth to give Mary some important news. All the angels can go with him, but not Little Angel, it's too far without wings. She is very disappointed.

SONG IF I ONLY HAD WINGS ◉ Track 2 / 13

Little Angel wishes someone would tell her how to get wings, but she has to find out by herself. The angels set off for Nazareth.

INCID. THE JOURNEY ◉ Track 23

Scene 2 - Mary

Gabriel and the angels tell Mary that she's going to have a very special baby.

SONG LISTEN MARY, DON'T BE SCARED ◉ Track 3 / 14

INCID. THE JOURNEY ◉ Track 23

Scene 3 - The Donkey

Months later, Jesus is due to be born. The angels set off towards Bethlehem. Little Angel is left alone, but a dove passes by, and encourages her. Now Little Angel is determined to see baby Jesus, so follows the angels on foot. She meets a donkey with a thorn in his hoof, and helps him before going on her way.

SONG I WILL MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN (Ee-ore) ◉ Track 4 / 15

Mary and Joseph collect the donkey and set off for Bethlehem.

INCID. STAR MUSIC ◉ Track 24

Scene 4 - The Shepherds

The angels visit the shepherds and announce the birth of Jesus.

SONG CAN YOU SEE THE BRIGHT STAR SHINING? ◉ Track 5 / 16

INCID. STAR MUSIC ◉ Track 24

The shepherds search for their lost, newborn lamb.

Scene 5 - The Lamb

Meanwhile, Little Angel finds the lamb, whose foot is caught in a hole in the ground. She sets him free before continuing on her journey.

SONG I WILL MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN (Baa-aa) ◉ Track 6 / 17

Scene 6 - The Kings

The kings arrive. During the song they tell of the gifts they bring.

SONG KINGS ARE TRAVELLING ◉ Track 7 / 18

Scene 7 - The Dove

Little Angel meets a dove whose wing hurts, and helps before going on her way.

SONG I WILL MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN (Coo-oo) ◉ Track 8 / 19

Scene 8 - The Stable

As the instrumental music plays, all make their way to the stable and form the tableau scene. Little Angel arrives last, and remains on the outside, looking in.

INSTR. ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM ◉ Track 12

The kings and shepherds present their gifts during the song.

SONG SING A LULLABY ◉ Track 9 / 20


Scene 9 - Little Angel Gets Her Wings

Little Angel is worried that she doesn't have a gift for the baby, but discovers that she does have one after all: the gift of love. Now she understands that giving love is how to get wings! All join in the final song of celebration.

SONG ALLELUIA! ◉ Track 10 / 21

SONG AWAY IN A MANGER (Optional) ◉ Track 11 / 22

Little Angel Gets Her Wings



To read
aloud

There was once a little angel who was kind and caring but - sadly - she hadn't any wings. How she wished she could have wings just like all the other angels, but she didn't know how to get them. Whenever she asked the others, they just told her she'd have to find out for herself.

One day, Gabriel sent for all the angels. He had very exciting news to tell them. They flew as fast as their wings would carry them, all except for Little Angel. She couldn't fly, of course, and was late – as usual!

Gabriel had wonderful news. A baby boy was going to be born in Bethlehem! Not just any baby, but a very special baby called Jesus. He would be the Son of God! This was the news the angels had been hoping for. They were very excited!

Gabriel told them they were going to visit Mary, the young woman who was to be the baby's mother. It was a long way to Nazareth, so only angels with wings could go. Poor Little Angel. If only she had wings... She was very sad as she watched the others set out on their journey. She had to stay behind, all on her own.

The months passed and soon it was time for Jesus to be born. The angels set off once again, this time to Bethlehem. Little Angel still had no wings, but she was determined not to be left behind. Just as she was wondering how she would get there, a white dove flew down beside her.

'I'm the Dove of Peace!' it said. 'I'm flying to Bethlehem to welcome the new baby! Don't be sad, Little Angel. I think you'll get wings very soon!' This made her very happy!

Little Angel began the long walk to Bethlehem. After a while she reached Nazareth. As she walked past a stable she heard a sad cry: "Ee-ore! Ee-ore!" Little Angel went into the stable and found a donkey crying in pain. She saw a very large thorn sticking into his hoof.

Quickly, she knelt down beside the donkey and pulled out the thorn very gently. The donkey felt better immediately! He thanked her for her kindness: 'You're a little angel!' he said. But Little Angel heard people coming, so she quickly went on her way.

A very bright star was shining in the sky, lighting up some shepherds on a hillside, whose sheep were all around them in the fields. Suddenly, the angels appeared! The shepherds were very frightened. Gabriel told them not to be afraid. When he told them the good news about the new baby King, they were delighted.

After the angels had gone, the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem and take a present to baby Jesus. They thought they would give him their newborn lamb, but they couldn't find it anywhere. They started to search for it.

Meanwhile, Little Angel was walking along. Suddenly she heard a sad cry: "Baa-aa! Baa-aa!" She went to investigate. Behind a bush, she found a newborn lamb. His foot was trapped awkwardly down a rabbit hole.

Little Angel knelt down beside the lamb, and - very gently - she helped to free his foot. The lamb felt better immediately! He thanked Little Angel for her kindness: 'You're a little angel!' he said. But Little Angel heard the shepherds coming, so she quickly went on her way.

The shepherds were delighted to find the lamb! They were just about to set off for Bethlehem when one of them noticed a white dove perched on the bush.

'What are you doing here, little dove?' asked one of the shepherds.

The dove replied. 'I'm the Dove of Peace! I'm flying to Bethlehem to welcome the baby!' 'So are we!' said the shepherds. 'We'll see you there!'

At the same time, three kings from the east were following the bright star as it moved across the sky. They were bringing precious gifts for the newborn baby: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The three kings were very tired after their long journey, but they kept going, eager to meet the special child.

Meanwhile, Little Angel was walking along. Suddenly she heard a sad cry: "Coo-oo! Coo-oo!" It was a dove - the same white dove that had come to her before the journey began! The dove fluttered to the ground, crying in pain.

Little Angel knelt down by the dove and stroked its wing gently, smoothing all the feathers into place. The dove felt better immediately! He thanked her for her kindness: 'You're a little angel!' he said. 'I can fly again! I'll see you in Bethlehem.' So they both went on their way.

It wasn't much longer before Little Angel found herself in Bethlehem. The bright star was shining in the sky above a stable. As Little Angel approached the stable, her heart was filled with joy. She could see Mary cuddling her beautiful baby boy, with Joseph close by her side. She could see shepherds and kings all kneeling before baby Jesus.

The angels had opened up their beautiful wings, which sparkled brilliantly in the starlight. Suddenly, Gabriel noticed Little Angel watching from outside. The donkey, the lamb and the dove saw her too.

'She made my hoof better!' cried the donkey.

'She got me out of the rabbit hole!' bleated the lamb.

'She made my wing better!' cooed the dove.

'She's a little angel!' they all said.

Mary invited her to come in and see the baby, but Little Angel hesitated. She didn't know what to do. 'I have no gift to bring!' she said.

'Yes you have!' said Joseph. Little Angel didn't understand, so Joseph explained. 'On your journey you were kind to our donkey, and the lamb, and the dove.' The creatures all nodded in agreement.

'See?' said Mary, 'You do have a gift for baby Jesus! It's the gift of love!'

'Come closer, Little Angel!' said Gabriel. So she walked slowly into the stable. In awe, she knelt down in front of the baby, filled with wonder. Then, sensing that something amazing had happened, she looked over her shoulder. There, shimmering in the starlight, she saw her very own beautiful wings!

Turning back, she gazed at the baby. As she looked into his eyes, Jesus smiled.

