(Stage is dark. Light comes up on STARBUG, walking across the stage.)

(At meas. 5)

STARBUG:

(stopping to look out at audience) Twinkle, twinkle! I'm on my way to the Star Stomp if you want to come. We have some of the biggest Star Stomps in the galaxy!

(looks around) Ooh, I'm late. Time to be a shooting starrrrrr!

(At meas. 9)

(Lights come up slowly as another STAR walks on, striking a small block with a stick. Another few STARS enter, using their hands to strike large paint cans or tubs. As the rhythm continues, more STARS walk onto stage, playing, or pantomiming a rhythmic instrument. CHOIR can walk on with shakers/maracas. STARKLES and STARBELL walk on and lead the chant. As music continues and gets more complicated, children can pantomime playing the beat along with the track.)

(STARBUG runs up and interrupts.)

STARBUG: Hey, guys, what's twinkling?

AV12 (Music begins for "Starry, Starry Night")

STARBUG: (looking around, disappointed) Awww! I missed the the Star Stomp!

STARKLES: It's okay, little starbug, you can catch the next one! Come and join

us! I can't put my sparkles on it, but something feels different about

tonight.

(All 7 STARS stand on edge of stage and sing.)

Song: Starry, Starry Night

(At meas. 58)

(STARBELL runs to the center of the stage.)

STARBELL: (shout) WAIT!! (touching her ear as if getting an alert) I have an

urgent Star Alert! It's the Shine Protocol! It's been activated over

Bethlehem to announce the birth of a very special Baby.

STARPUFF: Are you sure?

STARBELL: Yes! It's time!

STARBIZ: It's time?

STARBELL: It's time!

STARKLES: Sparkletastic! Quick, everyone, get in position!

STARBELL: (seriously) Starjump, are you ready to serve?

STARJUMP: I'm ready!

(STARJUMP walks upstage center to stand in front, or on top of, the Twinkle Amplifier and puts arms out to sides to "shine.")

STARBELL: Okay, go connect to the Twinkle Amplifier.

STARKLES: (excited and crazy) This... is the moment... we've been practicing

for!

(At meas. 90)

STARBELL: (loudly) Activate the Shine Protocol!

(A light suddenly shines on STARJUMP. STARJUMP stands with arms out.)

SCENE 2

(11) (SFX: Twinkle Amplifier Hum)

(STARTECH is hovering around STARJUMP, adjusting Twinkle Amplifier.)

STARTECH: Power stable, intensity holding steady.

STARBELL: Starjump, you are definitely sparkling above all the rest. Thanks to

the Twinkle Amplifier, your shine is being amplified by a 100 times.

STARJUMP: These starbars are sure keeping my shine bright too, Starpuff!

STARPUFF: I'm glad you like them! They're all natural, starganic, you know.

(taking a picture) My followers are going to love this. I bet I'll get STARBIZ:

four billion starviews with this post about the Shine Protocol!

(STARKLES walkd up to STARBUG, who is bouncing a sparkly ball.)

STARKLES: Hey, little starbug! Can you believe the Shine Protocol was finally

activated!? This is so exciting!

Yeah, awesome! (pause) ... what's the Shine Protocol? STARBUG:

STARBELL: It's saved for a once in a lifetime alert! God is finally sending the

Messiah!

STARKLES: I think this calls for a starlibration! (crazily) I'm so excited my

sparkles are falling off!

AV 13 (12) (Music begins for "Star Stomp")

STARPUFF: It makes me want to praise God with a Star Stomp!

Me, too! All of heaven has been waiting for this day! STARBIZ:

STARBELL: Stars! Let's stomp!

> (STARS grab a rhythm instrument and pantomime playing, or stomp their feet and *slap their hands on their legs.)*

(grabbing sticks and playing a rhythm on the ground) Aw, yeah! STARKLES:

Song: Star Stomp with How Great Thou Art

(*At meas. 37*)

(The CHOIR splits down the middle of the stage into CHOIR 1 and CHOIR 2 and faces in toward one another. As each side sings, they lean in towards the other side in a "Stomp Battle.")

SCENE 3

STARBELL: Star Alert! Guess what, everyone? Our favorite visitors are coming!

STARKLES: (gasp) The angels? Yay!

STARJUMP: (shouting from the Twinkle Amplifier) **Who's coming?**

STARKLES: (talking louder to STARJUMP across the way) The angels!

(to everyone else) They're so fun. I love it when the angels come to hang out! (gasp) Do you think it has to do with the Shine Protocol?

STARJUMP: (can't hear their conversation, loudly) I bet it has to do with the Shine

Protocol!

STARKLES: Those angels—always throwing glitter, tossing their halos in the air

and saying, "We have good news!"

STARBIZ: Not to mention you-know-who. He's an influencer, you know. I have

1 million followers. He has 80 billion!

STARKLE: (in awe) Lil G.

STARBUG: Who's Lil G?

STARBELL: I forgot you haven't been around very long, little star. That's what

they call the angel Gabriel.

STARKLES: When you hear him, your sparkles will literally... jump... off... your

body! Seriously, his energy is like nothing you've ever heard.

STARPUFF: No wonder everyone's always so scared when he meets them on

Earth. Just epic.

(ARIEL the angel enters, high fiving the STARS. She is followed by a small angel in training, ARCHIE, and lastly, a grand LIL G who just seems famous.)

ARIEL: (like a concert announcement) Hello, Star Quadrant 777!

STARKLES: (crazily running across stage) The angels are here! Yeah!

(hitting a cowbell)

The angels, they're here. They're really, really here.

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ARIEL: Hey, my favorite twinklers, we have good news!

STARKLES: (imitating the way she said it before) We have good news! Classic

angel!

STARBELL: (walking up shyly—a fan) Hey, Lil G.

STARBIZ: (tripping up to them excitedly) Lil G, I'm such a fan. I was wondering,

if it wasn't too much trouble... can you please, you know, say it?

STARBELL, STARKLES, STARPUFF: (Oh, yes, please! Say it, say it! Please say it.)

STARBUG: (wide-eyed, interested) Say what?

STARBIZ: Just wait, you'll hear it. It's legendary.

(They ALL look expectantly to LIL G.)

LIL G: (good naturedly) **Oh, all right.**

(ANGELS lean in with anticipation.)

LIL G: (deadpan pause for effect, then with one hand motion) **Fear not.**

STARKLES: (scream of joy) AUGH! I love it. It's just like I imagined it in my

head.

STARBUG: (confused) That's it?

STARKLES: Do it again, do it again, do it again!

(The STARS lean in.)

LIL G: (deadpan, dry, same hand motion) Fear not.

(ALL clap enthusiastically.)

ALL STARS: (Wow. Amazing. So good. Love it!)

LIL G: It felt good when I said it. It was good practice.

STARKLES: Not that you need it. (giggling, "star"-struck)

STARBUG: (confusedl) I actually kinda thought there would be more to it...

STARBELL: Are you kidding? He's the most epic of all the angels.

ARIEL: *(ushering Lil G away like a manager)* Let's save it for the

performance.

ARCHIE: *(echoing and shooing them away)* **Save it for the performance!**

ARIEL: Clear the way, everyone!

ARCHIE: Clear the way!

ARIEL: Lil G has a big moment ahead!

ARCHIE: **Big moment!**

ARIEL: (cutting him off) **Thank you, Archie.** (whispering to STARBELL) **New**

assistant.

(STARBELL winks and gives a thumbs up. The three ANGELS leave.)

STARBELL: (calling after them) Have a good show, Lil G!

STARKLES: Bye now! (abruptly turning to the STARS) We're gonna watch, right?

STARBELL: Obviously! Startech, can you activate Starvision?

STARTECH: (walking over to the side and turning a switch) I'm already on it.

STARBELL: Quick, everyone, get your Starvision glasses.

(EVERYONE scrambles to put on star-shaped glasses.)

STARPUFF: Yay! Everything is so blurry from up here. Just looks like mini-

muffins walking around down there.

STARBELL: (affectionately) Everything looks like food to you, Starpuff.

STARPUFF: It's true.

STARBIZ: Oh, I gotta stream this to my star followers. (takes out device)

STARBELL: I remember when we just WATCHED the people on earth. We

didn't have to film it or stream it...

STARBIZ: (joking) Okay, grandma.

STARPUFF: I'll get some snacks!

(STARPUFF runs off, grabs some snacks and comes back on, handing them out.)

(STARS move to a viewing spot on stage, watching with star glasses. LIL G comes out with his mic and takes position. We see ANGELS appear on stage with SHEPHERDS and SHEEP, who perform an elaborate show.)

STARKLES: Oooh, oohh, oohh! I see him! They're in a field. And he's about to

start the show!

ARIEL: (like a concert announcer) Hello, Bethlehem!! Introducing the one

and only, Lil G!!

AV 4 21 Song: Fear Not with Angels We Have Heard on High

(At meas. 24)

(ANGEL BACKUP SINGERS run up to take place behind LIL G.)

(*At meas. 52*)

(SHEEP pop up with sunglasses every time they sing "Baa!" with the choir and then hide until they pop up and sing it again.)

(One "Elvis" sheep lipsyncs to low voice sheep on track.)

(STARS are still on side of stage except for STARJUMP, who always remains center upstage. SHEPHERDS are still sitting, not paying attention to angels.)

STARKLES: That was epic! I bet the shepherds are having a Star Stomp!

STARBIZ: Wait! Something's happening...

STARJUMP: You're right. Looks like the shepherds choked. They're not reacting

at all.

(As LIL G does the "fear not" hand motion to the SHEPHERDS they look puzzled.)

STARBELL: Looks like Lil G is trying his signature line again... and it seems to

be making it worse...

STARJUMP: Shoulda been a slam dunk!

STARBIZ: One hundred percent! If I'd posted that, it would have instantly

gotten one million likes. Do they not know who he IS?

(LIL G and ANGELS turn away from SHEPHERDS, confident their job is done. They high five each other, ready to leave, not noticing SIMON coming up behind them to tap LIL G on shoulder.)

STARPUFF: (talking with mouth full) **This is sure a great show.** (offering popcorn to

STARBELL) Starcorn, anyone?

STARBELL: No, thank you.

STARBUG: Wait! One of the shepherds is approaching Lil G!

STARPUFF: (super engaged) This. Just. Got. Interesting!

AV 15 29 (Music starts for "Shepherd Underscore")

SIMON: Excuse me, disturbingly shiny man. ...

(rapping) I didn't catch what you said.

LIL G: I said, "Fear Not."

SIMON: (rapping) Hmm... I heard you start to speak,

but I was overcome with fear.

Ev'rything was just... blahbity blah, somethin', somethin',

town of David.

SIMON: (speaking) Would you mind saying it again, now that I've calmed

down?

LIL G: (incredulous) Say it all again?

SIMON: Like, I thought maybe it was something about...

(rapping) good news, or new shoes, or maybe sing the blues?

ARIEL: (getting stressed out) You... didn't catch anything? With the sheep,

and the baa baas? The whole production?

SIMON: (clueless) Nope! Can you say it all again?

LIL G: All again. The whole good news?!

SIMON: (cheerfully) Yeah. What's the good news?

LIL G: (sigh)

ARIEL: (pulling herself together) It's okay, Lil G, we'll take care of it.

(claps) Attention, angels!

(said briskly) Heavenly Alpha Angel Squadron Lil G Fear Not Glory to God Angel/Sheep Collaboration Extravaganza... (pause to

breathe) Take 2!

ARCHIE: Take 2!

(SHEPHERDS now appear engaged and interested, full attention.)

AV16 30 Song: What's the Good News?

(At meas. 28)

SIMON: Are you sure you said this before? I feel like I would have

remembered something like this...

LIL G: (glaring) Grrr!

(At meas. 47)

SIMON: This is amazing! Why haven't we heard this news before?

LIL G: You're the only ones we've told.

SIMON: *(disturbed at the pressure)* **We're the ONLY ONES YOU'VE TOLD?**

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

ARIEL: God specifically told us to tell YOU the good news! See, it's right

here on the callsheet.

(she reads) "Find the shepherds grazing their flocks outside Bethlehem, and tell them the good news. Then they will go tell

everyone." (fist bumping him) You got this, buddy!

SIMON: Yikes! No pressure there!

ARIEL: (urging them to go... then shouting after them) Don't forget! FOLLOW

THE STAR!

(SHEPHERDS run/dance off stage pointing at the star and ANGELS celebrate!)



(SFX: Twinkle Amplifier Static Hum)

(STARS take off their Starvision glasses.)

STARTECH: Uh, starfriends, we have a problem. I think the Twinkle Amplifier is

broken.

STARBELL: (Looking at amplifier readings) Oh, you're right! His shine has

dropped below 50 glitterwatts.

STARJUMP: Sorry, guys, this is embarrassing. I may need to lift more starbells.

STARPUFF: Don't be silly! No star has ever hit that sparkle level before! Maybe

try another starbar.

(STARPUFF puts the food in STARJUMP'S mouth.)

(ARIEL, LIL G and ARCHIE walk in triumphantly.)

And we're back. The show was a success! ARIEL:

ARCHIE: Success!

STARKLES: Tell me about it, good news! Yeah! That song slaps!

STARBELL: And so nice to see people on earth clearly.

STARPUFF: And they don't look like pastries!

ARIEL: Let's look back in on the action. You're going to want to see the

> main event. Heaven was pretty hush hush about it before, but now we get to witness it happening! Let's peek in on Mary and Joseph...

in the stable.

(loudly, yawning, from up centerstage) I know I'm tired... but I STARJUMP:

thought you said stable.

STARBIZ: Stable?! Who is handling his publicity? You'd think the Son of God

would be booked somewhere fancier than a stable. Or at least get

VIP access to a continental breakfast.

AV 17 (39)



(SFX: Animal Sounds and Baby Crying)

(STARS put on their Starvision glasses and look down on the stable. Lights come up on manger scene. MARY and JOSEPH are kneeling behind the manger, and a few animals surround them.)

STARKLES: I can't believe we get to see in the stable! (as they all look closely)

Wow, there's a... lot of animals in there. That's a bold choice for a

Baby's birth.

ARCHIE: (announcing) "In the town of David a Savior has been born to you.

He is Christ, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

AV 18 40 Song: Footprints of God

(MARY steps out from behind manger, looks out to audience and sings.)

(*At meas. 29*)

(MARY and JOSEPH hold baby Jesus and sing as they look at Him.)

(At meas. 55)

(SHEPHERDS enter singing)

(At meas. 64)

(SHEPHERDS bow.)

SCENE 6

(STARS and ANGELS take off Starvision glasses.)

ARIEL: "And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in

cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for

them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

STARKLES: I can't believe we just saw that! This calls for a Star Stomp!

ARCHIE: What's a Star Stomp?

STARBIZ: Anytime we praise God with all our hearts, hands, or feet, it's a Star

Stomp!

STARBUG: Bringing glory to God is what gives us stars our twinkle!

ARCHIE: Can I use my wings?

STARKLES: Sure! As long as you're praising God with all your heart!

STARBELL: Stars, let's stomp!

ALL: (Cheering)

(STARS do a Star Stomp, along with ANGELS, except for STARJUMP, who is trying to shine, but having problems.)

(CHOIR 1 and CHOIR 2 turn and face one another.)

AV 19 50 Song: Stomp of Thanks

(STARBELL interrupts.)

STARBELL: WAIT! I just realized, if Starjump doesn't keep his shine, he won't

be able to lead others to the Baby!

STARJUMP: Don't worry! I'm the strongest star you have! I can do it, guys!

STARTECH: I'm not sure he can. The amplifier isn't working at all. This is all his

own sparkle.

STARKLES: Maybe we should ask the angels what to do about Starjump.

STARBELL: (turning to ARIEL) We need advice. The amplifier that made

Starjump's shine cut through the dark has broken!

ARIEL: Well, that won't do! You stars are going to have to fix the problem.

ARCHIE: **Fix the problem!**

STARBELL: I know! Otherwise, no one will know how to find the Baby.

STARPUFF: (still eating) Starjump, stay strong! (offering a taco) Startaco?

STARJUMP: No thanks.

STARKLES: Let's ask an expert. What do you think, Lil G?

STARPUFF: Yeah, what do you think? (mouthful)

(LIL G seems to consider the question and then has a bright idea. They all look at him.)

LIL G: I got it!

(They ALL lean in.)

LIL G: (pause, and then with flair) **Figure it out.**

STARS: (erupt in clapping) (Ooo! Great idea! Yes! That's the solution.)

(LIL G looks proud and walks away.)

STARBELL: Yes, yes, we'll figure it out. Right away!

(They scurry off.)

STARBUG: (confused) Figure it out? That's the advice?

STARKLES: It's okay, you're probably too young to understand his brilliance.

AV (10 61) (Music begins for "Repeat the Sounding Joy")

ARIEL: It's so important that Starjump is shining to lead people to the King.

Right now, those shepherds are repeating the sounding joy to others.

Song: Repeat the Sounding Joy

(All are looking down at MARY, JOSEPH and BABY JESUS in the stable.)

TINY KID 1: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

TINY KID 2: and the government shall be upon His shoulders,

TINY KID 3: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

TINY KID 1: Mighty God,

TINY KID 2: Everlasting Father,

TINY KID 3: **Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9:6-7)

STARBELL: (Optional: wearing starvision glasses) Just look at Him—the Savior of

the world.

STARBUG: And so small!

STARBIZ: Why would God do that? Leave His throne and go down... there.

Not a lot of fame and fortune in that!

ARIEL: He gave up His crown and became one of them. You see, humanity

needed someone to come down into this earthly cave WITH THEM,

and lead them out of fear into freedom!

LIL G: (nodding) So they would "Fear not!"

ARIEL: The good news of great joy is that the world's true King has been

born into the world to rescue people from the darkness.

STARPUFF: Those shepherds will continue to repeat the sounding joy!

LIL G: And share the message that heaven has to say to earth... (makes the

motion) "Do not be afraid."

ALL: *(noticably impressed)* **Oooh!**

LIL G: (blushing) I changed it up.

STARKLES: NICE!

STARBUG: (confused, quietly) I mean, it's the same thing, right?

STARBELL: People needed a Savior.

AV (11 60 (Music begins for "In a Manger")

STARKLES: That's who Jesus is!

ARIEL: That's right! And the story is just beginning. You are witnessing God

making a way, in a manger!

Song: In a Manger

STARBUG: This is amazing news! But, how will all the people know? Is there a

plan?

ARIEL: Those shepherds that saw your star... they are going to tell people.

LIL G: And there are wise men right now following your star... well, they

were.

(LIL G notices STARJUMP with his eyes closed.)

LIL G: Is this star taking a nap? I'm a fan of naps, but this seems... ill

advised.

STARBUG: I have an idea!

(STARBUG runs over to STARTECH and whispers.)

STARTECH: (not convinced) I mean... it might work?

STARBELL: Go ahead, little one.

STARBUG: I was thinking... what if we all circle around Starjump and Star

Stomp... together?

ALL: (Eh. I don't know. Maybe.)

STARBUG: Come on! When we Star Stomp, it's our praise that makes our shine

bright! I'm not gonna miss THIS Star Stomp!

STARBUG: Starjump, stomp with me!

AV112 67 (Music begins for "Shine")

(STARBUG starts stomping and clapping—stomp, stomp, stomp, clap. The remaining 5 STARS walk over and circle around him, joining in. CHOIR joins, too.)

(STARBUG pulls STARJUMP to his feet.)

ARIEL: WAIT! Is Starjump's sparkle getting a little stronger?

LIL G: I think it is!

STARKLES: It must be the Star Stomp! When we all shine together, we shine

brighter!

STARBUG: When we praise the King, united together, people everywhere will

see us shine!

Song: Shine with Repeat the Sounding Joy and Star Stomp Reprise

AV (13 81 Song: Star Stomp Curtain Calls