

# 15. The Pageant

**CUE**

**TEDDY:** "The Herdmans aren't here."

**GRACE:** "Shoot me now!"

(blackout)

from "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical"

Traditional

Additional Music by Malcolm Hillgartner

Lyrics by Hillgartner & Beecham

O Little Town of Bethlehem ♩ = 85

**KIDS, GRACE (no Herdmans):**

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee

lie. A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets

shin - eth an ev - er - last - ing Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

**IVY:** "In the days of Caesar Augustus a decree went out that all the world should be taxed, and Joseph went into Bethlehem with Mary his wife, who was great with child. And while they were there, she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn."

(GRACE gestures to keep going)

**TRACK 37**

Away In A Manger ♩ = 95

**GRACE:**

**KIDS, GRACE (no Herdmans):**

A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed.

**ALICE:** "I knew this would happen. Those Herdmans chickened out. Now we don't have a Mary or a Joseph. What are we supposed to do now?"

**BETH:** "Quiet. Here they come."

(hum) \_\_\_\_\_ (hum) \_\_\_\_\_ (hum)

**IMOGENE/MARY:** "Oh, Joseph, I don't know what to do.  
There's no bed for our little baby."

**RALPH/JOSEPH:**  
"Yes, there is, Mary. This barn's full of hay."

**RALPH/JOSEPH:**  
"Look! It's soft, like a mattress."  
[GO ON]

44 *rit.*

**TRACK 38**

**Silent Night** ♩ = 90

**ALICE:** "Mary and Joseph aren't supposed to talk."

**BETH:** "Why not? They're trying to decide what's best for the baby."

48 **2** **KIDS:**

(hum)

**ALICE:** "Look at that! She's burping Jesus. That's just not right."

**BETH:** "Maybe he has colic and is fussy just like any other baby."  
**ALICE:** "But he's not any other baby."

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(hum) (hum) (hum)

*(IMOGENE puts baby in the manger and a star lights up above their heads...if it hasn't stopped already, humming stops)*

**IVY:** "And in that region, there were shepherds in the field,  
keeping watch over their flocks by night.  
When lo, an angel of the Lord appeared to them." [GO ON]

64

(hum) Ah

**TRACK 39**

**Angelic Flourish!**

**IVY:** "Lo! An angel of the  
Lord appeared to them."  
[GO ON]

**TRACK 40**

**Angelic Flourish!**

**IVY:** "An angel of the Lord!"  
*(SFX: Crash Box and Foot Steps)*  
[GO ON]

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TRACK 41

GLADYS: "Hey Everybody! Unto you a child is born.  
His name is Jesus and he's in the barn.

Wanna see him? Come on! Come on!"

75

IVY: "And Wise Men came from  
the east to worship the newborn baby"

We Three Kings ♩ = 130

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KIDS:

84

93

ALICE: "Look at them.  
They're not moving."

BETH: "They're scared."

99

ALICE: "They should be.  
Look what they're wearing.  
They look like Trick or Treat."

(BOB appears)  
[GO ON]

107

A Capella, Swung and Jazzy

BOB:

KINGS:

114

120

still pro - ceed - ing Guide us to thy per - fect light.

ALICE: "What have they got? I bet it's something awful."  
 BETH: "Like what?"  
 ALICE: "Like a burnt offering. You know the Herdmans."

**TRACK 43**

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**Straight**      **KIDS:**

(hum) (hum) (hum)

IVY: "And the Wise Men were bearing gifts."  
 LEROY: (holds up box) "We got mashed potatoes!"  
 CLAUDE: (holds up can) "Pork 'n' beans!"  
 OLLIE: (struggles to lift ham) "And a big ol' ham!" (humming out)

134

(hum)

BETH: "That's the Herdmans' entire food basket from the church."  
 ALICE: "What happened to the gold, frankincense, and myrrh?"  
 BETH: "This is better. Much better!"  
 RALPH/JOSEPH: "Hey look, Mary! It's the Three Wise Guys and, uh—"  
 BOB: "Bob."  
 IMOGENE/MARY: "Thank you, Wise Guys and Bob, for bringing my family a ham."  
 RALPH/JOSEPH: "We can live on this for a whole month."  
 ALICE: "What's that sticking out of the corner of the basket? That white thing?"  
 BETH: "It looks like a diaper."  
 IMOGENE/MARY: (holds up the diaper) "And this is something we can really use."  
 ALICE: "That's gross."

(THREE WISE MEN sit down)

ALICE: "Why are the Wise Men sitting down? They're supposed to leave."  
 BETH: "I guess they're hungry. Besides, you wouldn't expect them to just show up, hand over the ham and leave. They came a long way!"