

## DO NOT BE AFRAID PARADE

### Song 1: PERFECT LIGHT

OHHHH OHHHH OHHHH  
Star of Wonder  
Star of Night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading  
Still proceeding  
Guide us to Your Perfect Light

Across the desert wrapped in scarves  
One is brighter In a chandelier of stars  
Tired and lonely  
Over miles of mountains and sand  
The prophets tell of a Baby He's born to save  
Like graffiti on our hearts  
The world will know His name  
Heaven like a highway exit sign  
Points to Bethlehem

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When they saw the Child  
They dropped to their knees  
The answer to a million prayers  
In a Newborn heartbeat  
And the words He would say  
Would be written in red  
And the gifts they'd be carried  
They lay at His feet  
In the eyes of Mary  
A tear runs down her cheek  
Jesus, the Messiah In a lowly manger bed

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His anthems rings  
Through earth and sky  
Our King and God  
And Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
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Our King and God And Sacrifice  
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### Scene 1

(Stage is set with Nativity float in the middle with Mary and Joseph on it. Luke is sitting off to the side in his sweater. Maddie is helping Mary put on her shawl.)

DAVID: *(Enters stage right, dragging his big brother by the hand)* Come on Rylie! We're going to miss it!

RYLIE: *(Laughing)* David, the parade doesn't even start for 30 more minutes. Mom dropped us off early.

DAVID: *(Looking excitedly around for Mrs. March)* Where is Mrs. March???

RYLIE: Hey, Luke, nice sweater.

LUKE: *(Gives Rylie a look as he tugs on his sweater)*

MRS. MARCH: *(Running frantically onto stage with a clipboard. Hands baby Jesus to Mary)* Hello everyone! Sorry! I had a bit of a hiccup and we almost didn't have a baby Jesus! Is everyone here? *(Looks at everyone and her clipboard)* Has anyone seen Claire???

CLAIRE: *(Enters stage right)* I'm here everyone! The party can start now!

MADDIE: Good to see you Claire! You look really pretty!

CLAIRE: Thank you for noticing Maddie! I was so worried I wasn't going to be sparkly enough!

RYLIE: Uh, Claire I don't think you have to worry about that.

MRS. MARCH: You look beautiful Claire. You all look wonderful! Ok, does everyone remember what we're here to do?

CLAIRE: To get people into the Christmas spirit with music and fancy outfits!

MRS. MARCH: Well, yes, but, there's more to it than that. This is our chance to share the love of Christ with our community. We want everyone to walk away knowing that Jesus came for everyone! We're taking it to the streets!

LUKE: Yeah, we're bringing the street talk!

## Song 2: STREET TALK

It started with the angels  
Bustin' out the sky  
It started when some wise men came  
So they could testify  
To see the little Baby  
They heard so much about  
Gotta tell the world  
That the King has come to town!

Street Talk  
Making its way, Something to say  
You know that we're bringing you the Street Talk  
Word's getting out, Savior's here now  
And everyone has gotta hear the Street Talk

We've heard all of the carols  
Seen trees lit up so bright  
But all traditions started  
On that first Christmas night  
And nobody had ever seen  
God put on such a show  
But His love is really something  
Everyone should know

Street Talk  
Making its way, Something to say  
You know that we're bringing you the Street Talk  
Word's getting out, Savior's here now  
And everyone has got to hear the Street Talk

We're bringing you the Street Talk  
Street Talk  
We're bringing you the Street Talk

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## Scene 2

MADDIE: Gosh, it sure is making me kinda nervous walking with this many people staring at us!

MRS. MARCH: It's ok to be nervous! It's even part of the Christmas story to be scared!

LUKE: It is???

MRS. MARCH: Absolutely! Luke 1:29 tells us that Mary was greatly troubled when the angel approached her. I mean, can you imagine an angel dropping out of the sky to come talk to you?

DAVID: I think I would wet my pants!

EVERYONE: Ewww!

MRS. MARCH: (*Laughing*) Well, we know that they were scared, but it goes on in verse 30, "But the angel said to Mary, 'Do not be afraid!'" The great thing about Mary and Joseph is that they didn't let fear stop them from living out God's calling on their lives. They went on their own parade to Bethlehem...one might even call it the Do Not Be Afraid Parade! We are called to witness to others, and that includes today!

CLAIRE: I'm confused...how can God call me? Does He even get a signal up there? (*looking up in confusion*)

MRS. MARCH: (*Enthusiastically*) Claire, you can rest assured that God can call you anytime He wants. So get ready! We can't let fear stop us! Remember what the angel said: Do not be afraid!

Song 3: DO NOT BE AFRAID PARADE

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid parade  
Love is on the way  
Come and celebrate  
At the Do Not Be Afraid Parade

Bet Mary was surprised  
When right before her eyes  
An angel came from heaven  
And told her bout the plan  
To bring the Son of Man Into Bethlehem

She was scared, unprepared  
Hit the road, for the show

Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid parade  
Love is on the way  
Come and celebrate  
At the Do Not Be Afraid Parade

Bet Joseph was surprised  
When right before his eyes  
An angel came from heaven  
And told him bout God's plan  
To bring the Son of Man Into Bethlehem

He was scared, unprepared  
Hit the road, for the show

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Do not be afraid x4

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### Scene 3

CLAIRE: Man, my feet are really starting to hurt!

LUKE: *(Pulling at the neck of his sweater)* This sweater is so itchy!

RYLIE: I'm having fun! Although, I can't lie. I'm getting kinda worn out.

DAVID: *(Jumping around everyone waving at the crowds)* Come on slow pokes!

LUKE: Man, the energy on that one. Oh, to be young again.

MRS. MARCH: Where are all the excited marchers I had when we started?

CLAIRE: My feet are killing me Mrs. March! Plus, I know my mom already took my picture, so I'm ready to be done.

MADDIE: Remember what Mrs. March said before guys: We're here to represent the joy and love of our Savior Jesus Christ! All this complaining isn't really giving off an image of joy...

MRS. MARCH: That's right Maddie! And don't you think Mary and Joseph were tired traveling to Bethlehem? What about the wise men who traveled to see baby Jesus? Don't you think their journeys were well worth the struggles?

CLAIRE: I guess I didn't think about that...I'm always so focused on the glitz and glamour of Christmas, but I guess we wouldn't even have that stuff if it wasn't for that first Christmas night...

DAVID: Mary and Joseph traveling all that way, Mary on a donkey ready to pop!

MADDIE: Then she had to give birth in a stable because there was no room at the inn...

RYLIE: Shepherds leaving their flocks in the night to meet the newborn King...

LUKE: And suddenly there were angels singing...

CLAIRE: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those on who His favor rests...

MRS. MARCH: And every step was totally worth it. Every single one.

Song 4: EVERY STEP

Everybody's seen  
The season's greetings  
And sometimes I think  
We lose the meaning  
Caught up in the show  
But it's all about you  
Walking down this road  
Where you have led me  
Sometimes gets so hard  
And I feel lonely  
But I know my faith is gonna carry me through

I will go  
For this I know

Every step  
I'm closer to your presence  
Every breath  
Is taken by your greatness  
Every step will bring me  
Closer to the mighty king

Guided by starlight  
A midnight wander  
Long and holy road  
To reach a manger  
This is where God led  
And now I'll follow You

I will go  
For this I know

Every step  
I'm closer to your presence  
Every breath  
Is taken by your greatness  
Every step will bring me  
Closer to the Mighty King

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him  
Oh Come Let Us Adore Him  
Oh Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord  
For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord

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#### Scene 4

MADDIE: It's been such a beautiful day to be a part of this parade!

RYLIE: It really has! I'm so glad I signed up to walk. I've really liked seeing all the floats too! It's a good visual of the Christmas story.

LUKE: Wait, what are those guys carrying in those boxes on that float behind us?

MADDIE: Oh, I remember! Those are the wisemen's gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh!

MRS. MARCH: That's right Maddie! Great job!

CLAIRE: You lost me at gold...

RYLIE: I think the important thing is they each brought their best gifts to their new King. If you think about it, we should all bring our best to Him too!

DAVID: But I don't have any hot dogs or pennies! What do I bring to Jesus?

LUKE: I'm sorry...hot dogs and pennies???

DAVID: Well, she said franks and cents...

MRS. MARCH: (*Laughing*) Not franks and cents, frankincense...it's a kind of essential oil...the point is God equips us all with special talents and gifts. All He asks is that we use them to bring Him glory. As long as you give your best, that's enough for Jesus!

CLAIRE: So Jesus doesn't want me to bring my clothes, or my tablet, or my new puppy...maybe he wants my confidence?

MRS. MARCH: Exactly!

DAVID: And my excitement?

MRS. MARCH: Now you're getting it!

RYLIE: I think I'm best at listening...

MADDIE: And I think I'm best at helping...



MRS. MARCH: What about you Luke?

LUKE: I think I'm gonna ask for a drum set this year like those guys in the marching band have...babies love loud noises, right?

MRS. MARCH: As long as you're playing for Jesus, playing drums can totally be a gift!

### Song 5: MARCHING TO THE BEAT OF THE KING

Marching to the beat of the King!  
Marching to the beat of the King!

Think about the road to Bethlehem  
Those who came to worship Him  
All the shepherds really knew for sure  
They couldn't stay where they were  
They set out to see the Savior  
And with every footstep they were

Marching to the beat of the King!  
Marching to the beat of the King!

Every time we hear the story told  
How He came so long ago  
Something starts to happen deep inside  
We can't explain. We can't hide.  
When He comes to live in our heart  
Jesus is the reason we are

Marching to the beat of the King!  
Marching to the beat of the King!  
MARCHING!

### Scene 5

RYLIE: Man, I'm sad this is almost over! It's been so much fun!

DAVID: (*Glumly*) Yeah...oh, look, mom and dad are over there waiting for us...

MRS. MARCH: Well, the fun doesn't have to stop here! You can invite your friends and neighbors to our Christmas Eve services!

LUKE: I've already texted mine the times!

CLAIRE: I can't wait to tell all of my friends about how to give our best to Jesus without having to give up our things!

MADDIE: And I'm going to invite mine to be a part of next year's parade!

MRS. MARCH: I'm so proud of all of you and how far you've come today, and I don't just mean how far you've walked. Knowing the Christmas story and sharing it is a great way to build a solid faith in Jesus! Just remember, when you're scared, your life is your own personal Do Not Be Afraid Parade! Keep marching forward knowing God is with you!

### Song 6: BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you We live for you

Holy, there is no one like you  
There is none beside you  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who you are  
And fill me with your heart  
And lead me in your love to those around me

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Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who you are  
And fill me with your heart  
And lead me in your love to those around me

I will build my life upon your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in you alone  
And I will not be shaken

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And show me who you are  
And fill me with your heart  
And lead me in your love to those around me

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Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who you are  
And fill me with your heart  
And lead me in your love to those around me

O come let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord