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What I Want for Christmas

A Readers Theater Script for
Intermediate Readers

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ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this rhyming piece, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout these sections during performance. After you have established the beat, it is time to start interpreting, experimenting, and having fun with the words by varying tempo, volume, inflection, and expression.

READERS: You can use from 5 to 22 solo readers to perform this script. As you will see below, I've numbered the first 5 reader parts only. The rest of the reader numbers have been left blank so you can pencil in as many reader parts as you need. If you wish to use only 5 readers, those 5 can perform the entire piece by following the Verse 1 model and sharing the extra lines in the last verse. The script is formatted for SOLO READERS, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS, AND ALL.

READER 1: A few weeks before Christmas Mother asked
me...

READER 2: “So, (pause) what do you want for Christmas?”

READER 1: And I began to ***think***...

READER 3: Maybe I'd like a super spy kit,
Or inflatable backyard skating rink.

READER 4: And maybe, just maybe, a PlayStation Three

READER 5: And LEGO Mindstorm NXT

ALL GIRLS: Yes, all of that sounds just about right

ALL BOYS: For special delivery, Christmas Eve night!

ALL: Hannah Montana Acoustic Guitar,
Ipod, Little Superstar,
And a gift from Fisher Price,
At Christmas time that would be nice!

Pok-e-mon and Playmobile?
All on sale, and what a deal!
Trendy clothes or trendy shoes,
At Christmas time we have to choose!

READER 2: Then Father asked me...

READER “So, (pause) what do you want for Christmas?”

READER 2: And I began to ***think***...

READER Of Bratz, Webkinz, Nintendo Lite
And Barbie dolls in pink.

READER And I wouldn't mind a monster kite,

READER Or a super, shiny ten speed bike.

ALL GIRLS: Yes, all of that sounds just about right

ALL BOYS: For special delivery, Christmas Eve night!

ALL: Hannah Montana Acoustic Guitar,
Ipod, Little Superstar,
And a gift from Fisher Price,
At Christmas time that would be nice!

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READER 3: Then Grandma asked me...

READER "So, (pause) what do you want for Christmas?"

READER 3: And I began to ***think***...

READER Of "Bananagrams" and DVD's
A checker board, and Slinky slink.

READER And I would love a "Loving Pup",

READER And a costume box for dressing up.

ALL GIRLS: Yes, all of that sounds just about right

ALL BOYS: For special delivery, Christmas Eve night!

ALL: Hannah Montana Acoustic Guitar,
Ipod, Little Superstar,
And a gift from Fisher Price,
At Christmas time that would be nice!

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READER 4: Then Grandpa asked me...

READER "So, (pause) what do you want for Christmas?"

READER 4: And I began to ***think***...

READER Of remote control cruiser planes
Flying high in sync.

READER And mini gliders riding a breeze,

READER The kind that never crash in trees.

ALL GIRLS: Yes, all of that sounds just about right

ALL BOYS: For special delivery, Christmas Eve night!