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The Christmas Star

**A Choral Reading / Speaking
Script for Intermediate to
Advanced Voice Choirs**

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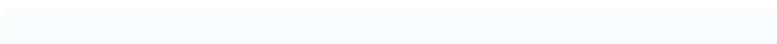
FORMATTING

This story-poem script is formatted for 11 SOLO READERS, ALL READERS, ALL GIRLS, and ALL BOYS. You may perform the script with just 11 readers or, depending on your needs, pencil in additional solo readers. You'll notice that the reader assignment lines for the last two verses have been left blank. You may either divide those lines up amongst your original 11 readers or assign those lines to an additional 9 readers for a total of 20 readers.

(With that said, you can also perform the script with less than 11 solo readers. I'd say 6 readers would be the least you might use: 3 girls and 3 boys. Simply divide all the lines between your six).

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this story-poem 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. Once the rhythm has been established, you'll want to work at smoothing the piece out and making it flow.



VERSE ONE

SOLO READER 1: I'm a star! (pause)

SOLO READER 2: Up in the sky. (pause)

SOLO READER 3: A light supply. (pause)

SOLO READERS 1,2,3: Don't ask me how,

I don't know why,

I can't reply!

ALL BOYS: All **I** know is, I'm a plasma ball,

And I hang with other stars, big and small.

ALL GIRLS: Our job is to shine - one and all.

And once, **I** shone the brightest, I recall.

ALL: Thinking back, I remember being filled with pride

When years ago, I was asked to *be a guide*.

I know that job doesn't sound distinguished,

But because my light was bright and wasn't extinguished,

ALL: I lit the way for a miracle on earth
To a stable, and a manger, and a little
baby's birth.

VERSE TWO

SOLO READER 4: I'm a star! (pause)

SOLO READER 5: A light on high. (pause)

SOLO READER 6: To travel by. (pause)

SOLO READERS 4,5,6: Don't ask me how,

I don't know why,

I can't reply.

ALL BOYS: But I'll speak about the shepherds who
had settled down to sleep

When an angel appeared and woke more
than the sheep. She said,

SOLO READER 7/ANGEL: "No snoozing! I've come with joyful
news!

The son of God is born today. Be off –
no time to lose!"

ALL GIRLS:

Then I led those shepherds to the place
where Jesus lay,

And they knelt down on their knees to
sing and pray.

ALL:

The other stars above, danced and
swirled

To celebrate Jesus, the Savior of the
world.

ALL GIRLS:

But **I** stayed still during all that mirth

To shine my light on a little baby's birth.

VERSE THREE

SOLO READER 8:

I'm a star! (pause)

SOLO READER 9:

A watchful eye. (pause)

SOLO READER 10:

You can't deny. (pause)

SOLO READERS 8,9,10:

Don't ask me how,

I don't know why,

I can't reply.

ALL BOYS:

In the East Wise Men saw my light

And they knew a great ruler had been
born that night.

ALL GIRLS:

So they went to Jerusalem, to Herod the king

Where they searched his palace, each section and wing,

ALL:

And asked to see the new *King of the Jews!*

Herod was troubled, this was not good news.

Of this new king there was little known.

Herod was afraid he might lose his throne.

He said,

HEROD/READER 11:

"Follow that star with the bright, bright glow.

When you find that baby, ***I*** want to know!"

VERSE FOUR

SOLO READER

I'm a star! (pause)

SOLO READER

How high I fly (pause)

SOLO READER

In heaven's sky. (pause)

SOLO READERS

Don't ask me how,

I don't know why,

I can't reply.

ALL BOYS:

The men followed my light and it guided them

Straight to that stable in Bethlehem

ALL GIRLS:

Where they worshipped Jesus, as the story is told

And gave him frankincense, myrrh and gold.

ALL:

That night the Wise Men had a dream.

An angel appeared in a heavenly gleam,

Said,

ANGEL/READER

"Don't report to Herod the king.

He wants to harm Jesus. Don't tell him a thing!"

ALL:

So the three Wise Men didn't say a word,

Didn't tell Herod what they'd seen or heard.