The Christmas Star

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FORMATTING

This story-poem script is formatted for 8 to 40 solo reading parts and occasional lines where all readers speak together. The script may be performed with just 8 readers. However, if you want to involve more readers, simply add them as needed. No reader numbers have been assigned after the first verse below. This is done so that a teacher/director may use a flexible number of readers during performance.

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

READER 1:	I'm a <u>star</u>! (<u>pause</u>)
READER 2:	Up in the <u>sky</u>. (<u>pause</u>)
READER 3:	A light sup<u>ply</u>. (<u>pause</u>)
ALL:	Don't ask me <u>how</u>,
	I don't know <u>why</u>,
	I can't re<u>ply</u>!
READER 4:	<u>All</u> **I** <u>know</u> is, I'm a <u>plasma</u> <u>ball</u>,
	And I <u>hang</u> with other <u>stars</u>, big and <u>small</u>.
ALL:	Our <u>job</u> is to <u>shine</u> - one and <u>all</u>.
READER 5:	And <u>once</u>, I shone the <u>brightest</u>, I re<u>call</u>.
READER 6:	Thinking <u>back</u>, I re<u>member</u> being <u>fill</u>ed with <u>pride</u>
	When <u>years</u> a<u>go</u>, I was <u>asked</u> to be a <u>guide</u>.
READER 7:	I <u>know</u> that <u>job</u> doesn't <u>sound</u> dis<u>ting</u>uished,
	But be<u>cause</u> my light was <u>bright</u> and <u>was</u>n't ex<u>ting</u>uished,

READER 8:	I lit the way for a miracle on earth
ALL:	To a stable, and a manger, and a little baby's birth.
	VERSE TWO
READER:	I'm a star! (pause)
READER:	A light on high. (pause)
READER:	To travel by. (pause)
ALL:	Don't ask me how,
	I don't know why,
	I can't reply.
READER:	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,
READER/ANGEL:	"No snoozing! I've come with joyful news!
	The son of God is born today. Be off — no time to lose!"

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

READER: 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.

READER: But I stayed still during all that mirth

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

                                VERSE THREE

READER: I'm a star! (pause)

READER: A watchful eye. (pause)

READER: You can't deny. (pause)

ALL: Don't ask me how,

                                I don't know why,

                                I can't reply.

READER: In the East Wise Men saw my light

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

READER:	So they <u>went</u> to Je<u>ru</u>salem, to <u>He</u>rod the <u>king</u>
	Where they <u>searched</u> his <u>pal</u>ace, each <u>sect</u>ion and <u>wing,</u>
READER:	And <u>asked</u> to <u>see</u> the new <u>King</u> of the <u>Jews</u>!
	<u>He</u>rod was <u>troub</u>led, this was <u>not</u> good <u>news</u>.
READER:	Of <u>this</u> new <u>king</u> there was <u>little</u> <u>known.</u>
	<u>He</u>rod was a<u>fraid</u> he might <u>lose</u> his <u>throne</u>.
	He said,
READER/HEROD:	"<u>Follow</u> that <u>star</u> with the <u>bright</u>, bright <u>glow</u>.
	When you <u>find</u> that <u>baby</u>, <u>I</u> want to <u>know</u>!"
	VERSE FOUR
READER:	I'm a <u>star</u>! (<u>pause</u>)
READER:	How high I <u>fly</u> (<u>pause</u>)
READER:	In heaven's <u>sky</u>. (<u>pause</u>)