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### Rhythm

To find and establish the proper rhythm for this 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.

A Choral Speaking Teachers Guide can be found online at:  
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ALL:                    Slow down Christmas,  
                             Slow and steady,  
                             We haven't shopped,  
                             So we're not ready.  
                             Don't have a gift  
                             For the dog and cat,  
                             Or mom and dad,

SOLO 1:                Just imagine that!

ALL GIRLS:            There is no time  
                             For a shopping spree,

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Can't we celebrate Christmas  
In January?

ALL BOYS: NOOOOOOOOOOO!

ALL GIRLS: Tic Tock,  
Stop the clock!  
Time moves on  
And it won't stop.

ALL BOYS: Even so, we'll  
Take some time,  
Take some time

ALL: For a holiday rhyme!

ALL: Slow down Christmas,  
Slow and steady,  
No wrapping paper  
Is out and ready.  
It's tucked away  
With holiday tags,

SOLO 2: Stored **somewhere**  
In shopping bags.

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ALL BOYS:           No chance for joy  
                          Or Christmas cheer,  
                          Can't we celebrate Christmas  
                          *(Pause one beat)*  
                          Next year?

ALL GIRLS:           NOOOOOOOOOO!

ALL BOYS:           Tic Tock,  
                          Stop the clock!  
                          Time moves on  
                          And it won't stop.

ALL GIRLS:           Even so, we'll  
                          Take some time,  
                          Take some time

ALL:                   For a holiday rhyme!

ALL:                   Slow down Christmas,  
                          Slow and steady,

                          No Christmas tree  
                          Is up and ready.  
                          Found one, but it

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Was tall, tall, tall.

SOLO 3:                   The second fell  
And hit the wall!

ALL GIRLS:               Of course, the third  
Was way too small!  
Can't we celebrate Christmas  
In the fall?

ALL BOYS:               NOOOOOOOOOO!

ALL GIRLS:               Tic Tock,  
Stop the clock!  
Time moves on  
And it won't stop.

ALL BOYS:               Even so, we'll  
  
Take some time,  
Take some time

ALL:                       For a holiday rhyme!

ALL:                       Slow down Christmas,

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Slow and steady,  
Decorations  
Are far from ready.  
The garlands all  
Have gone astray,

SOLO 4: Can't find a star  
To light the way.

ALL BOYS: No tinsel, balls,  
Or bells to ring...  
Can't we celebrate Christmas  
In the spring?

ALL GIRLS: NOOOOOOOOOO!

ALL BOYS: Tic Tock,  
Stop the clock!  
Time moves on  
And it won't stop.

ALL GIRLS: Even so, we'll  
Take some time,  
Take some time