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A Read and Draw Choral
Speaking/Reading
Script for Primary Readers

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ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this Readers Theater poem, 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.

This script is formatted for ALL, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS, SOLO MOUSE 1, SOLO MOUSE 2.

NOTE: A Choral Speaking Teacher's Guide can be found online at:
<http://www.scriptsforschools.com/90.html>

DRAWING THE SHAPES

If the children are old enough to draw the required shapes to complete the angel drawing, assign these jobs and place artists near the drawing pad or easel. If not, teacher/narrator or featured artist may draw these required shapes as the story is read.

ALL: Two little mice went out to play
 On an icy cold December day.
 And in the snow they found a bell,
 The kind of bell we all know well.

(Draw **Bell Shape A**. This will be the angel's dress)

ALL BOYS: It was wide at the bottom and round at the top -

ALL GIRLS: And that's when the first mouse called out,

ALL: STOP!

SOLO MOUSE 1: This bell is perfect, can't you see?
 A perfect bell for the Christmas tree.

SOLO MOUSE 2: The bell we've found is such a treasure,
 It's bound to give us lots of pleasure!

(Point to bell shape)

ALL: So, here is the bell,
 Perfect bell, we agree.

ALL BOYS: A perfect bell for the Christmas tree!

ALL: Then the two little mice carried their treasure
 Through ice and cold and snowy weather.
 They came to a hill covered with powder,

(Draw long **Wing Line B** down one side of angel's shoulder area. This should look like a steep ski hill)

ALL GIRLS: Then the first spoke again, but the second spoke louder:

ALL: **STOP!** (Pause)

SOLO MOUSE 2: Let's climb inside this bell!

SOLO MOUSE 1: O.K., fine, but you don't have to yell!

SOLO MOUSE 2: It will be our sled, down the hill we'll go..

SOLO MOUSE 1: Through this perfect white and sugary snow!

(Draw second shorter **Wing Line C**, just inside Wing Line B)

ALL: So, there they go,
 Perfect hill, we agree,

ALL GIRLS: On a sled that's a bell for the Christmas tree!

ALL: It was so much fun, they decided to climb
And sled down the hill one more time.

(Draw long **Wing Line D** on opposite side of angel)

ALL: Then the first little mouse found a second hill.

They slid over and over...

(Draw shorter **Wing Line E**, just inside Wing Line D)

ALL BOYS: Then they took a spill and both cried:

ALL: **STOP!**

ALL GIRLS: And they giggled out loud.

ALL: Then one mouse noticed a dark storm cloud.

(Draw **Cloud Shape F** in angel's hair area).

ALL: They watched as the cloud settled high on the sun.

ALL BOYS: And they hardly noticed a storm had begun.

(Draw **Sun Shape G** under the cloud hair)