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Slow Down Christmas!

A Choral Reading/Speaking
Script by Lois Walker

Primary Version

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ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find 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. 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.

A free online Choral Speaking guide can be found online at:
<http://scriptsforschools.com/90.html>

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,
 Can't we celebrate Christmas
 In January?

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,
 Slow and steady,
 No wrapping paper

Is out and ready.

It's tucked away

With holiday tags,

SOLO 2: Stored ***somewhere***

In shopping bags.

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

 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?