

**Song: THE WISE MEN**

*(Kings process to the front during this song.)*

- Angel 7** It's hard to take in the wonder of it.  
**Angel 6** Yes. The creator of the Universe lying helpless in a stable.  
**Angel 5** Visited by shepherds.  
**Angel 2** And wise men.  
**Angel 3** Do you think these humans appreciate what he's done for them?  
**Gabriel** A lot won't.  
**Angel 2** Yes. We've all seen what they're like.  
**Angel 3** In a few years time, I suppose they'll have forgotten all about how dark, dirty and uncomfortable it was and they'll probably talk as though the stable was a bright homely place.  
**Angel 5** Clean and dry  
**Angel 6** Insect free  
**Angel 1** In fact they'll probably get so carried away with the cute little baby in the manger that they'll forget why he came at all.  
**Angel 4** Why did He come?  
**Angel 2** Huh! Call yourself an angel! Haven't you read the book?

**Reading: ISAIAH 53: 4-6**

**Song: TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE**

- Angel 7** But if they're so unbelieving, why does He put up with them?  
**Angel 1** Because He loves them.  
**Angel 6** But doesn't He get tired of them letting Him down?  
**Angel 1** Often but He still loves them.  
**Angel 2** I don't understand it myself  
**Angel 3** No, but then you're not God are you.  
**Angel 5** Thankfully!

**Reading: ISAIAH 9: 2,6,7**

**Song: IT'S UNBELIEVABLE**

**Something in the Air**

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**Reading: JEREMIAH 23:5**

**Song: SOMETHING IN THE AIR**

- Angel 1** Do you think this is it then? The big one?  
**Angel 2** Yeah, it's got to be  
**Angel 3** Gabriel's been summoned, so it's got to be something important.  
**Angel 4** What do you mean?  
**Angel 5** The Messiah of course.  
**Angel 6** God going to live on Earth.  
**Angel 7** Look! *(Points)* Gabriel's coming. Let's ask him.  
*(Gabriel approaches from backstage)*  
**Angel 6** Well?  
**Gabriel** This is it. He's going to become one of them.  
*(Gasps, exclamations, etc. except for Angel 4 who just looks blank.)*  
**Angel 4** One of them?  
**Gabriel** A human being! I'm off to see the girl who's been chosen to be his mother.  
**Angel 4** Won't she be surprised?  
**Gabriel** I think we can confidently say that she will.  
**Angel 1** Anyone would be surprised to see Gabriel.  
**Gabriel** Especially with the news that I've got for her.  
**Angel 2** Is she rich then?  
**Angel 3** A princess perhaps?  
**Gabriel** No. She's poor, but that doesn't make her ordinary. Anyway I must fly.  
*(Gabriel leaves the stage and walks to the back of the hall)*

**Reading: ISAIAH 7; 14**

**Song: MARY**

- Angel 7** Ooh dear! Look down there! *(Pointing)*  
**Angel 6** She's telling him the news then.  
**Angel 5** Poor old Joseph.  
**Angel 3** She's only telling him the truth.  
**Angel 1** I'm not sure he believes it though.

- Angel 4** Why not?  
**Angel 2** Well it's not exactly a common occurrence is it.  
**Angel 7** Look. He's leaving now. *(Pointing)*  
**Angel 5** He doesn't look very happy, does he?  
**Angel 1** Don't worry. I'm going tonight to convince him that Mary was telling him the truth.

**Song: A MAN CALLED JOSEPH**

*(Angel 1 walks to the back of the hall during last verse)*

- Angel 2** Well. That seems to have made Joseph happier now.  
**Angel 3** It's still not going to be easy for them though. People will still gossip about them.  
**Angel 5** People can be cruel can't they.  
**Angel 4** Well, they're only human.  
**Angel 6** Anyway they've got more immediate problems to worry about, like travelling to Bethlehem.  
**Angel 4** Why's that a problem?  
**Angel 7** It's not if you've got wings. But you might have noticed that they haven't.  
**Angel 3** For them it will be a long hard journey, and even when they get there, they won't find it easy.  
**Angel 2** Isn't the Lord preparing a place for them?  
**Angel 3** Of course He is. But I have a feeling that it won't be the kind of place in which you would expect to find a king.

**Reading: MICAH 5:2**

**Song: STABLE SONG**

*(During this song, Mary and Joseph follow Gabriel and Angel 1 to the stage. A manger is placed in front of the angels and Mary and Joseph begin the tableau. Gabriel and Angel 1, resume their on stage positions.)*

- Angel 2** A stable!? What is He thinking of? Why didn't He find somewhere decent for them?  
**Gabriel** It's who he is that makes him a king, not where he is. It shows that he wants to be with his people, whether they are rich or poor.  
**Angel 2** Yes, but don't you think that a stable is going to

extremes? I mean why didn't he just choose the smallest room at the inn? At least he would have been with people rather than animals.

- Angel 1** There will be people here soon. Some visitors are coming.  
**Angel 2** Oh now that's more like it.  
**Angel 3** Some wise men are coming from the east  
**Angel 2** Excellent!  
**Angel 7** And we've got to fetch some shepherds.  
**Angel 2** Shepherds! The stable will smell bad enough without S.O.  
**Angel 6** What's S.O?  
**Angel 2** Shepherd odour.  
**Angel 5** I don't think they were chosen for their standards of personal hygiene.  
**Angel 2** You're telling me!  
**Angel 1** Anyway, shepherds it is. Let's go and fetch them.  
*(All angels go to the back of the church)*

**Song: JESUS IS HIS NAME**

*(Angels return to the stage in two groups along the sides of the hall. The shepherds move along the centre aisle to the stage)*

- Angel 7** Well He's got His shepherds.  
**Angel 6** The wise men are next.  
**Angel 2** At last a bit of class.  
**Angel 4** Don't we have to fetch them then?  
**Angel 3** No. They've worked it out for themselves.  
**Angel 4** That's clever of them.  
**Angel 1** Well they're not called wise men for nothing, you know. They saw the signs of what was happening and must have realised how important it was, because they've travelled a long way to bring their gifts to Jesus.

**Reading: PSALMS 72:10**