





## SPARKY

There's a note!

## JINX

What's it say?

*(SPARKY reads the note that is inside.)*

## SPARKY

Sprinkle snow...

*(SMUDGE sprinkles snow over the model.)*

Now think 'Uber dream' and sing.

## #27 – Finale Part I (Merry Christmas/The Wassail Song)

## ALL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAVE A VERY VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

## FRANKIE

Open it!

*(HE opens the box. The box has foil inside so if a light hits it, it makes it seem as if it's glowing.)*

## VOICE OVER

Very good, Plaids. Now listen up, turn around & watch your heads. You're going on the air!

*(The Christmas set for their TV Special flies in. It is charming and sweet, a classic Holiday Special set with a fireplace, tree and presents)*

## FRANKIE

Holy NBC peacock!

## VOICE OVER

Stand by...in 5...4...3...2... Live from the [Name of venue], it's 'Plaid Tidings!' Ho ho ho!

*(The ON AIR and APPLAUSE signs light up. THEY take the caroling books off the fireplace mantle and group center stage. THEY start their glorious Christmas finale.)*

## ALL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAVE A VERY VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHEN THE CHURCH BELLS RING

LIKE THE ANGELS SING

AND YOU HEAR THE JOYFUL HYMN THEY CHIME

*(Next)*



SPARKY

JOY TO THE WORLD

FRANKIE

JOY TO THE WORLD

JINX

JOY TO THE WORLD

SMUDGE

JOY TO THE WORLD

ALL

LOVE AND JOY COME TO YOU  
AND TO YOU YOUR WASSAIL TOO  
PLAID TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY,  
COMFORT AND JOY  
PLAID TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY  
AND ALL THAT FRUITCAKE

*(With 'Home for the Holidays' they reveal Xmas trees, hang wreaths with lit twinkle lights. They start decorating the set with cards, garlands, etc. that came inside the box.)*

OH, THERE'S

### #27a - Finale, Part II (Home For The Holidays)

NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS,  
FOR NO MATTER HOW FAR AWAY YOU ROAM  
WHEN YOU PINE FOR THE SUNSHINE OF A FRIENDLY GAZE  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS YOU CAN'T BEAT HOME SWEET HOME

JINX & FRANKIE

I MET A MAN WHO LIVES IN TENNESSEE AND HE WAS HEADIN' FOR  
PENNSYLVANIA AND SOME HOME MADE PUMPKIN PIE

SMUDGE

FROM PENNSYLVANIA FOLKS ARE TRAV'LIN'  
DOWN TO DIXIE'S SUNNY SHORE

JINX, FRANKIE & SPARKY

OO OO OO OO

ALL

FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC, GEE THE TRAFFIC IS TERRIFIC.  
OIL, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS,  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS YOU CAN'T BEAT HOME SWEET  
SLEIGH RIDE, SLEIGH RIDE, COMFY SLEIGH RIDE



(FRANKIE grabs the scarves from the stairs pole and give them to the rest. THEY are going outside!)

### ≡27b – Finale, Part III (Jingle Bells)

**SMUDGE**

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

**SPARKY**

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

**FRANKIE**

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

**JINX**

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

**ALL**

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY.  
OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A ONE HORSE OPEN SLEIGH.  
JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY.  
OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A ONE HORSE OPEN SLEIGH.  
ON DASHER, ON DANCER, ON PRANCER, ON VIXEN, ON COMET,  
ON CUPID, ON DONNER, ON BLITZEN

RING OUT THE BELLS, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY,  
COME ON, WE'RE GOIN' FOR A SLEIGH RIDE,  
CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE AGAIN,  
COME ON WE'RE GOIN' FOR A SLEIGH RIDE,  
TO SHARE GOOD CHEER AGAIN  
FROM THE TOP OF THE CHIMNEY TO THE TOP OF THE WALL.  
DASH AWAY, DASH AWAY, DASH AWAY ALL.

RING OUT YOUR BELLS  
DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW  
LAUGHING ALL THE WAY.  
HA HA HA HA

BELLS ON BOATAILS RING, MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT,  
WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE A SLEIGHING SONG TONIGHT.

JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE!





(ALL)

PLAID TIDINGS!

JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE!

PLAID TIDINGS!

FRANKIE & JINX

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY

SPARKY & SMUDGE

OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A ONE HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

FRANKIE & JINX

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY

SPARKY & SMUDGE

OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A ONE HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

ALL

OLD ST. NICHOLAS HE TOOK A FLIGHT,

THE MOON WAS SHINING BRIGHT

RING OUT THE BELLS!

OLD ST NICK WAS FLYIN' THROUGH THE SKY

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THOSE REINDEER FLY!

BELLS!

RING OUT THE BELLS, IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON

RING OUT THE BELLS, IT'S A HAPPY TIME

RING OUT THE BELLS, FOR WE'VE GOT A GOOD REASON TO

RING THE BELLS AND MAKE THOSE PRETTY BELLS CHIME

RING THE BELLS AND MAKE THOSE PRETTY BELLS CHIME

*(Large amounts of snow begin to come down from the rafters. The snow continues till the end of the number and the applause. It stops as the applause dies down.)*

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY

OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A ONE HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY.

WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A ONE HORSE

OPEN SLEIGH

SMUDGE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## JINX &amp; FRANKIE &amp; SPARKY

OPEN SLEIGH

SMUDGE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

ALL

FA LA LA LA LA - LAAAAAAA

PLAID TIDINGS!

*(Thunder clap The snow stops. The lights go back to normal. The magic is over. Reality hits the Cast.)*

FRANKIE

It's time to set up for the finale. C'mon!

SMUDGE

No! I don't want to go back! I want to stay! I like it here.

JINX

Me too.

SMUDGE

That's my only wish.

JINX

Me too.

SPARKY

That's the only wish we can't have.

JINX

That's the only wish that means anything.

FRANKIE

Come on! We're so close to completing our mission! If we don't finish the show, everything we meant to do will have no meaning; and us having meaning is all that we have that means anything. I mean, it means so much to us to have meant something—

SPARKY

*(Cutting him off)*

—Yeah, we get it!

FRANKIE

We have to be grateful for the time we've had! We got to sing. We got to do our Holiday Show.



ALL

*(Ad lib, depressed mumbles)*

Yeah, we know!

FRANKIE

You know why it's so hard to leave?

JINX

It hurts going through that white tunnel.

FRANKIE

That too! But, what hurts even more that we don't know if anyone will remember that when cruddy stuff happens in life—or even death for that matter— that we all have the ability to create a little harmony.

SPARKY

*(Quietly holding back tears)*

We'd better get out of here before you get any more mushy.

SMUDGE

That's all the songs we know, anyway.

JINX

Except for the closing number. Hey, you guys, maybe we'll come back to help people celebrate other holidays!

### #28 – Closing Underscore

SMUDGE

Yeah! We could do our Easter Christmas special—

JINX

Valentine's Day!

SMUDGE

The Fourth of July!

JINX

Flag Day! Arbor Day!

SPARKY

Passover!

SMUDGE

Secretary's Week!

JINX

Tuesdays!



## FRANKIE

Let's sing the last song, and go like Pluids! Please?

*(THEY get up go to their stools. Two of them sit and two stand. They sing the final number.)*

## 29 – Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

## ALL

OOH FA LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA LA

FA LA LA

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

LET YOUR HEART BE LIGHT

FROM NOW ON YOUR TROUBLES WILL BE OUT OF SIGHT, OOH

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

MAKE THE YULETIDE GAY

FA LA LA

FROM NOW ON YOUR TROUBLES WILL BE MILES AWAY

HERE WE ARE AS IN OLDEN DAYS

HAPPY GOLDEN DAYS OF YORE

Faithful friends who are dear to us

Gather near to us once more

THROUGH THE YEARS WE ALL WILL BE TOGETHER

IF THE FATES ALLOW

UNTIL THEN, WE'LL HAVE TO MUDDLE THROUGH SOMEHOW

SO HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOW

*(They get up and go walk deliberately and courageously to the edge of the stage)*

THROUGH THE YEARS WE ALL WILL BE TOGETHER

IF THE FATES ALLOW

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough

AND HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOW

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOW

OOOOOOOOOOHHHHHH

FA LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA





FRANKIE

Goodnight.

SMUDGE

Happy Holidays.

SPARKY

And please,

JINX

Drive safely.

*(Snow falls on them)*

ALL

LAAAAAAAAA.

*(THEY slowly salute in Plaid Style looking into the light from above.)*

*(LIGHTS fade to backlight and then to black. Lights up on the moon and we see the silhouettes fly across.)*

*(Lights up for curtain call.)*

#30 - Curtain Call Music

THE END



## PROPERTY LIST

Accordion w/case

Hand bells

High Hat on Stand w/blue fabric cover

4 Tall plumber's helpers

Holly covered bell table

Hot pipe

Curves

2 drum brushes

2 rolenders

4 candles (9-volt battery operated)

2 Banana poles w red/green chili light strands

Tortoise shell glasses (Smudge)

Business card (Frankie)

Handkerchiefs

Red nose (Smudge - Act II)

String of red & yellow Xmas ornaments for banana trees

Smoking pipes

Strings of holiday cards for fireplace sides

Pair of monogrammed Xmas stockings

Fabric covered caroling books

Model w/plaid snow box

Ring set

Green straw hat (Smudge)

Green hat (Frankie)

Green hat w/red BALL fringe (Jinx)

Sombrero (Sparky)

Green straw hat (Pianist)

Smoking straw hat (Uncle Chester)

Reindeer antlers (Frankie)  
Maracas (Sparky)  
'Lady of Spain' hat (Jinx)  
"Heart and Soul" sheet music  
"Twas the night before Xmas" music and drop box  
Green bristled push broom  
Black lace mantilla  
2 red feathered fans  
4 spinning red plates on poles  
Viking horns w/braids  
Funnel breast plate  
White glove puppets  
4 dolls w/red sweaters  
Cigar box w/Santa face  
Applause/Mercury Monterey sign  
Hula hoop  
Stuffed dog  
Baseball cap "A"  
Baseball cap "I"  
Baseball cap "S"  
Groucho glasses  
Inflatable beach ball  
Bicycle horn  
Plaid certificates  
"Plaid book of life" w/blank pages & pen  
Plaid box  
4 Santa hats  
Plaid box note  
Model of TV Holiday Xmas set

Tasseled red pillow

White Perry Como sweater

4 or 5 red cardigan sweaters

Milk of Magnesia bottle

Suitcase (Smudge)

Purple Capitol label 45 record

4 metal cups

1 plastic 4 cup holders for piano

4 light blue cotton fabric squares to cover Preset mics

Assorted ornaments

Tinsel

Mistletoe (fly)

Heavenly cell phone

Rockettes/Vienna boys choir

3 Rosemary Clooney notes

SL/SR Xmas wreaths

Whip

Xmas garlands

Scarves

Aspirin bottle

Maybeline eyebrow pencils

3 sets of Chipmunk teeth (GET SPARE)

Clapper

Single bells

2 Piano blocks

Perry Como spoons w/pad

4 Black bar stools

Kefir or Yogurt or white frosting or 'Cool Whip' to read as a "milk of magnesia' mustache for Smudge

Red balloons  
Dental floss  
Plaid ribbon for dental floss and certificate  
Big long Groucho Cigar  
Cigarette  
Period Ivory Snow Box w/snow  
Snow for the "Ivory Snow" box  
Snow for the Little Xmas set  
SNOW as a technical requirement for the Snow Cues  
Red box of Marlboro cigarettes  
Inhaler (Frankie)  
2 Newspaper clippings (Jinx Act II)  
Cotton Balls  
Retainer or Chewing gum (Sparky)  
2 large plaid bows  
Milk glass bud vase w/single red rose  
Nun's headpiece  
Nun's horned rimmed glasses  
3 plaid juggling balls  
Topo Gigio doll  
Liberace "piano backpack" w candelabrum  
Video projector box cover (Perry Como)  
4 Perry Como presents  
red/green chili light strands  
Plaid covered rice crispy treat (handed to audience member)  
4 white candles w/dripguards  
Headdress for the Lipizzaner White Stallions of Austria  
Whoopee cushion



## SET PIECES

Rear Projection Material in Wooden Classroom Black Board frame

Authentic, to scale, SET MODEL of the Plaids Xmas Set that flies in (or magically appears) at the end of the show.

CHRISTMAS TV SPECIAL SET: This unit has a fireplace on it w/lit Christmas lights, A window with snow on the mullions, A lit Xmas Wreath over the fireplace, Christmas lights around the perimeter of the unit, Christmas cards on a String to drape on the fireplace, Pegs for the scarves, Holly and Pine branch trimmings.

TWO CHRISTMAS TREES: decorated with lights with presents underneath

"APPLAUSE" SIGNS: that light up

"ON THE AIR" SIGNS: that light up

THREE RED BASEBALL CAPS: for the 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' bit. One has an "A" on it, one has a "S" on it and one has a "T" on it. The letters are White Block Capital letters.

SET ORNAMENTS FOR ACT TWO: tasteful Christmas look

FIVE LONG HANDLED PLUNGERS: the rubber parts should be red or painted red.

THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR/ROCKETTES PROP — (2 identical units)

These are made with four wig heads (Styrofoam) nailed on a two by four. Leave a space in the Middle for a real head (Frankies and Sparkys).

The two by four has wig heads. On one side are four Vienna boy's Choir heads; Innocent Faces, Circular Mouths, Hair. On the other side the wig heads are Four Rockettes. These wig head have Santa Hats, wigs, Eye lashes, Lipstick, Rouge.

For two sided heads, cut two Wig Heads in half and stick them together. Then put them both on the two by four. Each side will have one face sticking out. There are four on each unit.

Another pole is placed perpendicular in the center of the two by four. This is where the actor holds the unit

On the Choir side connect white choir robes. They should be floor length to hide the actors behind them. They should have a collar and a dark hem

On the Rockette side the four Heads are above four Rockette Costumes. Red Tops with Bosoms, Ermine looking piping around the red Dress. Short red skirts. Stuffed cotton batting legs in fishnet tights. Little shoes at the end of the legs.

Separating the two sets off costumes is a black cloth so that we don't see one costume behind the other and give away the joke.

The fancier and more detailed the costumes are, the better.

FOUR IDENTICAL PLAID DOLLS WITHOUT HEADS

FOUR WHITE GLOVES WITH FACES ON THEM FOR THE 'PLAID DOLL' BIT

NOTE: ANY OF THE PROPS CAN BE MADE MORE CHRISTMASY THAN NOTED

NOTE: HULA HOOP RED

## **SOUND NOTES**

WIND SCREENS FOR MIKES

MIKE STANDS: BLACK, ROUND BASES, GOOD SHOCK ABSORTION

(THE MIKES SHOULD HAVE EASY SLIDING ABILITY)

LAVALIER OR RF MIKES

REVERB IS USED

MONITORS ON STAGE

BOOM MIKE FOR PIANO

MONITORS FOR MUSICIANS

GRAND OR BABY PIANO



## *SPECIAL EFFECTS*

PERRY COMO VIDEO -- Must be obtained and used in the show

It is a computer-run clip shown on a rear projection screen that is built into a portable classroom chalk board.

FOG

STARS

IN THE THEATER: XMAS LIGHTS AROUND THE AUDIENCE

MIRROR BALL

RAILING AND APPEARANCE OF AN ORCHESTRA PIT FOR THE PRATFALL DURING 'LET IT SNOW'

HIP HOP RECORDING FOR "TWUZ"

"HALLELUJAH CHORUS" WITH RECORD SCRATCH AT END