SCENE ONE

The Bethlehem star is surrounded on either side by a group of little stars. During the narration, she is crouched or sitting with knees curled up on the stage. She gradually spreads out her arms.

Narrator/s   Far away in the east something strange and wonderful was happening. A light had appeared in the sky.

At first no one noticed the pale little light up there among all the other little stars, but then it started to change. The pale little star began to get brighter.

In the palace below, no one had noticed the star yet. The helpers had far too much to do. They had to get the food ready for everyone to eat.

Helper 1   Slice the bread.
Helper 2   Ice the cakes.
Helper 3   Cut the pies.
Helper 4   Sauté the mushrooms.
Helper 5   French trim the lamb shanks.
Narrator   They had to make sure there was enough wine.

Helpers 5 & 6 lift their knees high as they pretend to tread the grapes.

Helpers 5 & 6   Tread the grapes, tread the grapes, squish squash, squish squash!

Narrator   They had to clean the palace.
Helper 7   Mop the floor.
Helper 8   Sweep the steps.
Helper 9: Dust the shelves.

Helper 10: Unclog the ... well, you know!

Narrator/s: And all of this was for their masters, the Three Kings, Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar.

Balthazar and Melchior were also very busy so they hadn’t seen the star either.

They were looking at their star maps, whilst Caspar was fast asleep.

Balthazar: This star map is all wrong!

Melchior: The star should have been here by now!

Narrator/s: The kings were so busy looking at their star maps that they didn’t notice the little star growing in the sky.

It grew slowly at first.

It grew and grew and grew.

It got bigger and bigger and bigger and brighter and brighter and brighter.

It filled the sky with more and more brilliant light until it could be seen for many miles around.

*During the narration, the star gradually stands, climbs steps on to a platform and stretches out to her full glory.*

Narrator: The star shone through the windows of the palace and lit the room where the kings sat. Balthazar wondered what the light was.

Balthazar: What's that? Caspar, wake up!

*Caspar wakes up, rubs his eyes and goes to the window.*

Caspar: It's here, it's here, the star is here!

Melchior: It must have been up there all night, why weren’t you looking?

*Caspar looks sheepish.*

Balthazar: We have to get ready!

Melchior: Where are our helpers? We have to get ready, the star is here!
CAN YOU SEE THE STAR?

Can you see the star in the sky?
Can you see the star way up high?
It’s shining, shining,
Up in the night time sky.

Can you see the star all ablaze?
Can you see the bright golden rays?
It’s shining, shining,
Up in the night time sky.

Can you see it there in the night?
Can you see the clear golden light?
It’s shining, shining,
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