

CHRISTMAS IN MISTLETOE FALLS 3: THE CHRISMURDERING

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CHARACTERS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

SANTA CLAUS (Travis Harold Coles)
MARY CHRISTMAS (Hannah Dodson)
DASH INTRUDASNO (Chris Stanley)
MRS. CLAUS (Molly Alexander)
MAYOR JOY TUDAWORLT (Bailey Connor)
DOCTOR BOB TAILSRING (Thomas Houston)
OLETTA TOWNNABETLAHEM (Dino Larumbe)
DECEMBER TWENNYFITH (Cami Nicole Hall)
WYNN TERWUNERLAN (Patrick Balbo)
SUGAR PLUM (Gwen Leahy)
JACK FROST (Mark Poticny)
TINSEL WASHINGTON (Ethan Goble)
DETECTIVE FELICE NAVIDAD (Treyla Trash)

SET:

Much of the action takes place at The Mistletoe General Store - shelves filled with Christmas products, a few chairs, and a Christmas tree. A separate area acts as "Santa's Workshop" from which most of the narration is done.

PRE-SHOW LIGHT CUES:

*******FULL HOUSE**

*******PRE-SHOW**

*******CURTAIN PITCH**

*******BLACKOUT**

ACT 1 SCENE 1

In the blackout, we hear the voice of a TV Announcer

SC-01-01-01 - ANNOUNCER 01

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

You're watching The AllHeart
Mystery Channel, with movies
featuring women who are pretty in a
non-threatening way who live in
quaint small towns solving crimes
even though their experience in
doing so is pretty much limited to
watching reruns of "Matlock" and
"Murder She Wrote." Speaking of
"Murder She Wrote," you can watch
it on the AllHeart Mystery Channel
at 9am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm,
and from midnight to 6am every
single day. Coming up next, can
the residents of Mistletoe Falls
catch a Christmas killer when a
merry murder happens in their
tinsel topped town? It's a holiday
whodunnit! "Christmas in Mistletoe
Falls 3: The Chrismurdering,"
starts now.

SC-01-01-02 - CHRISTMAS UNDERSCORE

INT. SANTA'S WORKSHOP - DAY

*******SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

The lights come up on Santa reading from a book.

SANTA

'Twas a typical Christmas
In Mistletoe Falls
The residents were busy
Decking the halls
But before our story
Takes a dark twist
Let's meet the folks
Who might be on my naughty list

*******GENERAL STORE DAY**

MARY ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER

SANTA (CONT'D)
 Meet Mary Christmas
 So blonde and pretty
 She was a hard-working career gal
 From the big city
 But that has all changed
 Much to her dismay
 After she had a baby
 While under an evil spell's sway

DASH ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE LEFT OF MARY

SANTA (CONT'D)
 Dash is the handsome owner
 Of the Mistletoe General Store
 He was in love with Mary
 But realized he's not straight
 anymore
 He fell in love with Yul
 The sheriff of this town
 But Yul left him at the altar
 And Dash is feeling a bit down

MRS. CLAUS ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE RIGHT OF MARY

SANTA (CONT'D)
 This is Mrs. Claus
 My wife for better or worse
 She made Mary pregnant
 With an evil curse
 But now she's turning the page
 On her wicked ways
 She says she's learned her lesson
 Being bad was just a phase

JOY ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE LEFT OF DASH

SANTA (CONT'D)
 This is Mayor Joy Tudaworlt
 She loves this town it's true
 Always with a smile on her face
 And never seems blue
 Now, some will say that's not the
 original Joy
 And they would not be wrong
 But I can't recap everything
 That would take way too long

BOB ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE RIGHT OF MRS. CLAUS

SANTA (CONT'D)

This is the doctor of the town
 Good health he does bring
 His bedside manner is impeccable
 His name is Bob Tailsring
 Everyone loves doctor Bob
 And he felt the same
 But lately he's been grinchy
 And he has someone to blame

OLETTA ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE LEFT OF JOY

SANTA (CONT'D)

This woman's name is Oletta
 Her last name Townnabetlehem
 Yes, this show is stupid
 Blame the writer, not them
 Oletta runs bed and breakfast
 Called the Holly-Day Inn
 She's a god-fearing Christian
 Who has recently discovered sin

DECEMBER ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE RIGHT OF BOB

SANTA (CONT'D)

December Twennyfith runs a bakery
 O Crumb All Ye Faithful is its name
 She makes festive goodies
 To all the town's acclaim
 Getting a cake or cookie there
 Is always quite a treat
 But lately something has changed
 And she has become less than sweet

WYNN ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE LEFT OF OLETTA

SANTA (CONT'D)

If you're feeling hungry
 Go to the Candy Cane Cafe
 It's run by Wynn Terwunerlan
 His food won't lead you astray
 He seems generous to a fault
 He'll give the shirt off his back
 But underneath that cheery facade
 Could he be on the attack?

SUGAR AND JACK ENTER UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE RIGHT OF DECEMBER

SANTA (CONT'D)
 Sugar Cane and Jack Frost
 Are actors don't you know
 They starred in box office smashes
 And were always on the go
 But their fame has recently faded
 Their careers now histories
 The only jobs they can get
 Are in AllHeart Mysteries

TINSEL ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO STAGE LEFT OF WYNN

SANTA (CONT'D)
 Some of you might know this man
 As Sheriff Yul Tihed
 He left Dash for Hollywood
 And set Mistletoe Falls aside
 He changed his name to Tinsel
 Washington
 All traces of Yul deleting
 He tried to become a superstar
 But found fame so very fleeting

SANTA EXITS THE BOOTH AND JOINS EVERYONE ON STAGE

*******FADE LIGHTS IN WORKSHOP**

SANTA (CONT'D)
 The residents of Mistletoe Falls
 Have had their ups and downs
 This place is not like other
 Quaint Christmas towns
 But what's about to happen
 Nobody could conceive
 They're too busy having
 A jazzy Christmas Eve

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SC-01-01-03 - JAZZY CHRISTMAS MEGAMIX

DECK THE HALLS

MARY

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
 Fa la la la la, la la la la

DASH

Tis the season to be jolly
 Fa la la la la, la la la la

JOY

Don we now our gay apparel
 Fa la la la la, la la la la

MRS. CLAUS

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la

ALL

Fa la la la la
Fa la la la la
La la la la

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER**SUGAR**

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen

OLETTA

Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen

WYNN

But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all?

ALL

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games

JACK

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say

SANTA

"Rudolph, with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

ALL

Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history"

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY**TINSEL**

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum

BOB

A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum

DECEMBER

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum

TINSEL, BOB, DECEMBER

To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum
 Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

MARY AND JOY

We come to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum
 Me and my drum, Me and my drum, Me and my drum
 Me and my drum

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PT 1**OLETTA**

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

WYNN

A partridge in a pear tree

JINGLE BELLS PT 1**DASH**

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh

MRS. CLAUS

Jingle bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PT 2**DECEMBER**

On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

BOB

Two turtle doves and

WYNN

A partridge in a pear tree

JINGLE BELLS PT 2**SUGAR**

Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh
 Over the hills we go laughing all the way

JACK

Bells on Bobtails ring making spirits bright
 What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PT 3**ALL**

Five golden rings

JINGLE BELLS PT 3**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

JOY TO THE WORLD**SANTA**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!

JOY

Let every heart prepare Him room

JOY AND DECEMBER

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing

ALL

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PT 4**WYNN**

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

MARY

Twelve drummers drumming

JOY

Eleven pipers piping

DASH

Ten lords a-leaping

TINSEL

Nine ladies dancing

DECEMBER

Eight maids a-milking

OLETTA

Seven swans a-swimming

MRS. CLAUS

Six geese a-laying

SANTA

Five golden rings

SUGAR

Four calling birds

JACK

Three french hens

BOB

Two turtle doves and

ALL

A partridge in a pear tree!

END OF SONG

MARY

That was so much fun! I'm so glad
all of that drama from the first
two movies... I mean, the last
couple of years... is behind us and
we're going to have the best
Christmas ever! Right?

EVERYONE

Right!

SC-01-01-04 - DRAMATIC MUSIC/CHRISTMAS MUSIC*******BLUEOUT****EVERYONE EXCEPT SANTA EXITS UP CENTER DOOR.****END ACT 1 SCENE 1**

ACT 1 SCENE 2**INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT*********GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

Santa is putting presents under the tree while humming a happy Christmas tune.

SANTA

There. Another perfect Christmas in Mistletoe Falls. You know, last year I sang a song called "Being Santa Sucks." But this year, I'm feeling much more positive about my job. The reindeer, who are usually assholes, have been getting along. The elves have stopped griping. I mean, yeah, I had to have ICE deport a few of them, but it really did the trick. And now that Mrs. Claus has given up being evil, well, I wouldn't say we've buried the hatchet, but at least we're not trying to bury it in each other's heads anymore. All in all, I think this is shaping up to be a great Christmas. I can practically hear everyone all over the world waiting for me to come and spread some holiday joy. It sounds something like this...

*******UPBEAT SONG****SC-01-02-01 - HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS****SANTA**

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus
 Right down Santa Claus Lane
 Vixen, Blitzen, and all his reindeer
 Pulling on the reins

Bells are ringing, children singing
 All is merry and bright
 Hang your stockings and say your prayers
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus
 Right down Santa Claus Lane
 He's got a bag that's filled with toys
 For boys and girls again

Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle
 What a beautiful sight
 Jump in bed and cover up your head
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus
 Riding down Santa Claus Lane
 He doesn't care if you're rich or poor
 He loves you just the same

Santa knows that we're God's children
 That makes everything right
 Fill your hearts with Christmas cheer
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Well, here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus
 Riding down Santa Claus Lane
 He'll come around when the chimes ring out
 "It's Christmas morn' again!"

Peace on Earth will come to all
 If we just follow the light
 Let's give thanks to the Lord above
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

END OF SONG

SANTA (CONT'D)

Well, I guess I shouldn't keep all
 the good boys and girls waiting.
 I'm so excited about Christmas this
 year I could just die!

SANTA EXITS UP CENTER DOOR

SC-01-02-02 - SCARY MUSIC

We hear Santa Claus from off.

SANTA (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Oh, hello! This is quite a
 surprise. I wasn't expecting to
 see you here. What are you doing
 with that TBD? And why does it
 have Christmas decorations on it?
 Wait... don't do that... I'll put
 you on the naughty list! No, no...
 HO HO NO!!!

SANTA ENTERS UP CENTER DOOR W/TBD IN HIS CHEST. HE STUMBLES,
 A DRAMATIC DEATH SCENE, AND FALLS BEHIND THE TREE.

IMPORTANT: BEFORE SANTA FALLS, HE TOUCHES THE BLOODY WEAPON
AND WHEN HE FALLS, HE PUTS HIS HAND ON ONE OF THE PRESENTS
UNDERNEATH THE TREE

SC-01-02-03 - CHRISTMAS MUSIC

MARY AND DASH ENTER STAGE RIGHT

DASH

Thanks for letting the baby spend Christmas Eve with me, Mary. I know you only got pregnant because of the spell Mrs. Claus put on you when she was evil, but we did sleep together that one time, so I kind of count as her father.

MARY

Oh, it's my pleasure, Dash. I love little Mariah Carey, but I have to admit it's nice to have a break. Being a single mother isn't easy.

DASH

I'll bet. Most of the time in a town like Mistletoe Falls, a mother is only single if her husband passed on many years ago in some way that is never specified.

SC-01-02-04 - SAD MUSIC

DASH (CONT'D)

But in this case, it's because I'm really, really gay.

SC-01-02-05 - GAY MUSIC

MARY

That's so true, Dash. You know, we didn't have gay people in the old Mistletoe Falls, but now you're welcome here. We even had our first gay wedding and a video of it entitled "The Groomsmen: Second Chances," won the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Streaming or TV Movie.

DASH

Mary! You know how difficult it is for me to hear about gay weddings.
(MORE)

DASH (CONT'D)

Ever since Yul left me at the altar, changed his name, and moved to Hollywood.

SC-01-02-06 - SAD TROMBONE

Dash wanders over by the Christmas tree.

MARY

Oh, don't be a sad trombone, Dash. Everything always works out in Mistletoe Falls.

DASH

You know, Mary, you're right. I just need to set all that aside and be the confident, strong, masculine man that wears plaid and runs a quaint general store.

Dash sees dead Santa and begins screaming like a 9-year-old girl.

Mary runs over, sees Santa, and starts screaming also.

SC-01-02-07 - DRAMATIC OUTRO

*******BLUEOUT**

MARY, DASH, AND SANTA EXIT STAGE LEFT

END ACT 1 SCENE 2

ACT 1 SCENE 3

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

SC-01-03-01 - ANNOUNCER #02

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Coming soon on the AllHeart Mystery
 Channel, when the pretty in a non-
 threatening way librarian in a
 quaint small town invites a famous
 mystery author for a book signing
 at Christmas, she uses every trick
 in the book to catch a homicidal
 holiday heel before someone turns
 the page on her!

*****GENERAL STORE

MEG (SUGAR) AND NORTH (TINSEL) ENTER UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER

MEG
 Thank you for doing a book signing
 at our quaint smalltown library. I
 love your novels, Mr. Paul.

NORTH
 Please, call me North. North Paul.

MEG
 This is the best Christmas present
 ever!

North gasps, chokes, and falls to the floor dead.

Meg gasps in horror.

SC-01-03-02 - DRAMATIC MUSICBRYCE (JACK) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR

MEG (CONT'D)
 Who are you?

BRYCE
 I'm Sheriff Skating. But you can
 call me Bryce.

MEG
 So, you're Sheriff Bryce Skating?
 My name is Meg... Meg Nog. Famous
 author North Paul is dead!

BRYCE
 (glances at North)
 After examining the body
 thoroughly, I'm certain that he
 died of natural causes.

MEG
 No. As a librarian, I read lots of
 mystery novels and that makes me
 qualified to state without a doubt
 that this man was murdered! And I'm
 going to prove it!

SC-01-03-03 - I THINK HE WAS REALLY MURDERED/ANNOUNCER OUTRO

*******UPBEAT SONG**

To the tune of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

MEG

I think he was really murdered,
 I think he was really murdered
 I think he was really murdered, And I'll prove it right now

BRYCE

I don't think you're right, but you may be right
 I think he was murdered
 And you proved it right now

NORTH

Will you go and find my killer,
 Will you go and find my killer
 Will you go and find my killer, 'Cuz I'm really dead

MEG

Yes I'll solve the crime, using only my wits
 The killer is that guy (POINTS AT SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE)

MEG, BRYCE, NORTH

And she (I) proved it right now!

After the song, Meg and Bryce lean in for a kiss but don't.

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Watch "A Holly Jolly Homicide,"
 only on The AllHeart Mystery
 Channel.

*******BLUEOUT**

MEG, BRYCE, NORTH EXIT UPSTAGE DOOR.

END ACT 1 SCENE 3

ACT 1 SCENE 4

INT. GENERAL STORE - DAY

MARY, DASH, AND SANTA ENTER STAGE LEFT AND RESUME POSITIONS

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

As the lights come up, Dash and Mary are still screaming, Santa is still dead. Mary stops screaming - Dash continues until Mary slaps him.

MARY

Dash! Get ahold of yourself!

DASH

I can't! It's just... It's just...
(looks at Santa; gags)
Oh Gah....

MARY

Yes, it is. But we need to focus on what really matters. We need to figure out who killed Santa Claus!

DASH

You think he was murdered? Why would you say that?

MARY

Uh... the big knife sticking of him?

DASH

(looks; gags)
Oh, Gah...

MARY

I know I'm just a former hard working career gal from the big city who is now a single mom, but I think I can solve this crime!

DASH

But what if it isn't a crime? What if he wasn't murdered? What if he's not really dead? In fact... he's not dead! No... Santa Claus is just fine!

During the following and the song, Dash "Weekend at Bernie's" Santa's body.

DASH (CONT'D)
 See? He's standing up. He's
 alive! Don't worry boys and girls!
 Santa Claus is coming to town!

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SC-01-04-01 - SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

DASH

Santa's coming girl
 Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
 Santa Claus is coming to town

You better watch out
 You better not cry
 Better not pout
 I'm telling you why
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list
 He's checking it twice
 He's gonna find out
 Who's naughty and nice
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
 He knows when you're awake
 He knows when you've been bad or good
 So be good for goodness sake

You better watch out
 You better not cry
 You better not pout
 I'm telling you why
 Santa Claus is coming to town

So it's that time of the year
 Where you let all your problems go
 And you know, you just

Shake it, shake it, baby, Shake it, shake it, baby
 Ooo-do-do-do-do-do-do-do, Do-do-do-do-do

Shake it, shake it, baby
 Shake it, shake it, baby
 Do-do-do-do-do-do-do-do
 Do-do-do-do-do, oh-ho

He sees you when you're sleeping
 He knows when you're awake
 He knows when you've been bad or good
 So be good for goodness sake

You better watch out
 You better not cry
 You better not pout
 I'm telling you why
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list
 He's checking it twice
 He's gonna find out
 Who's naughty and nice
 Santa Claus is coming
 Santa Claus is coming
 Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa Claus is coming to town
 Santa Claus is coming to town
 Santa Claus is coming to town (repeats)

END OF SONG

By the end of the song, Dash can no longer hold up Santa and has let him fall back to the floor.

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

DASH (CONT'D)
 See? He's not dead. Right?

MARY
 Right, Dash. He's just fine. Why
 don't you go check on the baby?

DASH
 Okay...

DASH EXITS STAGE RIGHT FORLORNLY.

SC-01-04-02 - CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS THEME

MARY
 (to herself)
 Well, since we don't really have a
 sheriff right now, I guess it's up
 to me to figure out who killed
 Santa. I'm going to bring all the
 townsfolk together and solve this
 Christmas crime!

SC-01-04-03 - DRAMATIC OUTRO

*******BLUEOUT**

END ACT 1 SCENE 4

ACT 1 SCENE 5

INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT

DASH ENTERS STAGE RIGHT

JOY, BOB, OLETTA, DECEMBER, WYNN, SUGAR, JACK, TINSEL ENTER STAGE LEFT AND CONGREGATE CENTER

SANTA ENTERS AND LIES DOWN UNDER THE TREE

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

As the lights come up, Mary, Dash, Joy, Bob, Oletta, December, Wynn, Sugar, Jack, and Tinsel are all on stage doing general hubub, saying words like "rhubarb," "watermelon and cantaloupe," or "hubub."

Mary steps forward.

MARY

If I could have everyone's attention please!

(after they quiet down)

Thank you for coming to the town meeting on such short notice.

JOY

You know, as the Mistletoe Falls mayor, Joy Tudaworlt, it's usually my job to call a town meeting.

MARY

I know, Mayor, but...

JOY

Are you trying to take my job? Because it's not as easy as it looks! The giant scissors I use to cut ceremonial ribbons are really sharp!

Joy pulls out the giant scissors.

MARY

No, I don't want to be Mayor. But this is an emergency. I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but Santa Claus has been murdered!

Mary points at Santa's dead body. Everyone gasps/screams.

WYNN

How did we not notice the dead body
under the tree?

Bob goes to Santa and barely glances at him.

BOB

As the town doctor, Bob Tailsring,
I can verify that Santa is, in
fact, dead.

Everyone gasps/screams again.

OLETTA

What are we going to do? We don't
even have a sheriff, not since Yul
Tihed move away.

YUL

I'm not Yul Tihed anymore. I
changed my name to Tinsel
Washington and I moved to Hollywood
to follow my dreams of stardom.

DASH

And you left me at the altar when
you did it! What are you even
doing here, you b-word?

SUGAR

It's Christmas Eve. Jack Frost,
Tinsel, and myself flew in this
morning so we could spend Christmas
in Mistletoe Falls.

JACK

Our agents told us it would make us
seem more down to earth. We're
staying at the Holly-Day Inn thanks
to Oletta Townnabetlehem.

WYNN

It's so exciting to have
celebrities in town. Come on over
to the Candy Cane Cafe while you're
here. It'll be the best Christmas
dinner you've ever had or my name
isn't Wynn Terrwunlan.

DECEMBER

And afterwards you can stop at O
Crumb All Ye Faithful to have some
sweet holiday treats from me,
December Twennyfith.

MARY

Is that everyone? Have we
reintroduced all the suspects now?

OLETTA

Suspects? What do you mean, Mary?

MARY

I mean, someone in this room could
be a killer!

Everyone gasps/screams again.

MARY (CONT'D)

And I'm going to find out
whodunnit.

DASH

All by yourself?

MARY

I knew I'd probably need help, so I
called the best gumshoe in the
entire world, Detective Felice
Navidad. She's a rough, tough, no-
nonsense private dick who always
fingers the bad guy!

FELICE ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR, with dramatic flair, hand up in
the air as she strikes a pose.

FELICE

You can say that again!
(beat)
Hit it!

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SC-01-05-01 - COOL YULE

FELICE

From Coney Island to the sunset strip
Somebody's gonna make a happy trip
Tonight
While the moon is bright

He's gonna have a bag of crazy toys
To give the groanies of the girls and boys
So dig
Santa comes on big

He'll come a callin' when the snow's the most
And all you cats are sleepin' warm as toast

And you gonna flip when Old Saint Nick
Takes a lick on the peppermint stick

He'll come flyin' from a higher place
And fill the stocking by the fireplace
So you'll
Have a yule that's cool

INSTRUMENTAL/DANCE BREAK

Yeah, from Coney Island to the sunset strip
Somebody's gonna make a happy trip
Tonight
While the moon is bright

Behind a reindeer with a blinking nose
He's lookin' groovy in his same ol' clothes
He's red,
In his suped up sled

He's on a mission and he will not shirk
Down the chimney, yeah, he gets to work
That Mr. C is H-O-T,
Santa won't you light my Christmas tree?

He'll come a flyin' from a higher place
And fill the stockings by the fireplace
So you'll
Have a Yule that's cool
Have a Yule that's cool, ya'll!

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 1 SCENE 5

ACT 1 SCENE 6**THE SCENE CONTINUES**

MARY

Detective, thank you for coming to Mistletoe Falls. We're truly honored that someone with your stature and gravitas would help us.

FELICE

That sweater! I am obsessed!
(turns to others)
Now, spoiler alert, I stalked all your Instas before I got here and I already know who everyone is, and who should be rethinking those beach selfies. But let's get down to business.
(goes to Santa)
Oh, ew.

BOB

Yes, a dead body is always quite disturbing.

FELICE

No! It's those boots. They are so last season. But notice how Santa Claus was found dead by the Christmas tree.
(turn to audience)
Coincidence? I think not!

SC-01-06-01 - I THINK NOT STING

DASH

What was that?

FELICE

It's my sassy catchphrase and music. It's like the "duh duh" on "Law & Order" only fabulous.
(claps hands)
Okay, suspects!
(dramatic point)
Dr. Bob Tailsring! Why did you want Santa Claus dead?

BOB

Why are you accusing me first?

Everyone looks at Bob as if to say "well...".

BOB (CONT'D)

(shrugs)

Yeah, that tracks. But I didn't want Santa dead! I don't hurt, I heal. I took the Hippocratic oath.

FELICE

More like hypocritic oath! Isn't it true, Doctor Tailsring, that you were recently sued for malpractice?

BOB

How did you know about that?!

FELICE

Louise, down at the courthouse. Get one mimosa in her and she just talks and talks and talks. She even told me who filed that lawsuit? Who was it, Dr. Bob?

BOB

It was... Santa Claus!

Everyone gasps.

FELICE

Santa Claus sued you and now he's dead? Coincidence? I think not!

SC-01-06-02 - I THINK NOT STING

FELICE (CONT'D)

Now, we know that Santa Claus was murdered at exactly 6:02pm.

SUGAR

How do we know that?

FELICE

(holds up Santa's wrist)

When Santa fell, his watch broke. Girl, pay attention!

(to Bob)

So, tell me, Dr. Bob. Where were you at 6:02pm? Hmmmmmm?

DECEMBER

He was with me!

FELICE

Realllllly? Dr. Bob was with December Twennyfith, the owner of the O Crumb All Ye Faithful bakery.

DECEMBER
Yes. That's right.

FELICE
Would that be the same bakery that recently got a one-star Yelp review saying your cookies were crumbly?

DECEMBER
They're not crumbly! They're deliciously moist!

FELICE
Delicious Lee Moist? That may be a good drag name but someone didn't think that described your cookies. Who left that review, December?

DECEMBER
It... it... it was Santa Claus

Everyone gasps.

FELICE
So, Santa tries to ruin your business and he ends up dead. Coincidence? I think not!

SC-01-06-03 - I THINK NOT STING

FELICE (CONT'D)
You say you and Dr. Bob were together. What were you doing?

BOB
We were having dinner at a Hawaiian restaurant.

FELICE
Reeeeeally? On Christmas Eve? What does Hawaii have to do with Christmas?

BOB
Let us tell you.

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SC-01-06-04 - MELE KALIKIMAKA

BOB
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day

DECEMBER

That's the island greeting that we send to you
From the land where palm trees sway

BOB

Here we know that Xmas will be green and bright

DECEMBER

The sun will shine by day and all the stars at night

BOTH

Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way
To say Merry Christmas to you

Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day
That's the island greeting that we send to you
From the land where palm trees sway

Here we know that Xmas will be green and bright
Sun will shine by day and all the stars at night
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way
To say Merry Christmas to you

INSTRUMENTAL**BOB**

Here we know that Xmas will be green and bright

DECEMBER

The sun will shine by day and all the stars at night

BOTH

Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way

BOB

To say Merry Christmas

DECEMBER

A very, very, merry, merry Christmas

BOTH

To say Merry Christmas to you

END OF SONG

*****GENERAL STORE NIGHT

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END OF ACT 1 SCENE 6

ACT 1 SCENE 7THE SCENE CONTINUES

Mary steps forward.

MARY
Detective, that was incredible!

FELICE
Yes, I know.

DECEMBER
We're the ones who just sang.

MARY
Shut up possible murderer!
(to Felice)
I listened to a few minutes of a
true crime podcast once, so I think
I can help solve this. May I?

FELICE
Werk!! Who's our next suspect?

MARY
(points at Wynn)
Wynn Terwunerlan.

FELICE
Okay, wait, if you're going to do
it you have to commit, girl.

Felice repositions her to make her point at Wynn more fierce.

FELICE (CONT'D)
Try it again.

Mary points again, fiercely.

MARY
Wynn Terwunerlan!

FELICE
Slay! Bells ring!

MARY
Now, Wynn... you're known as the
most generous man in town.

WYNN
I'd give anyone the shirt off my
back.

FELICE

Prove it!! Take it off!

DASH

Yeah! And your pants, too!

TINSEL

I think we'd all like to see that.

MARY

But someone recently confided to me that you may not be as generous as you seem. In fact, you're keeping a secret in your closet.

TINSEL

Oh, I hope so.

MARY

You are hoarding toys meant for all the good little girls and boys!

FELICE

Work that rhyme!

WYNN

It's true! But not because I was greedy. It's because I wanted to be the one to hand them out each year. I didn't want to take. I wanted to give. I wanted to BE Santa Claus!

Everyone gasps.

WYNN (CONT'D)

But I didn't kill him, I swear. I have an alibi. I was with Oletta.

OLETTA

It's true. Wynn and I are having carnal relations!

FELICE

Well, that's the most disappointing thing I've heard since Taylor Swift's last album.

JACK

But wait. Oletta, you're known for your God-fearing ways. You made us pray when we checked into the Holly-Day Inn.

SUGAR

Yeah, and when I asked if Jack and I could share a room even though we're not married, you told me to shut my dirty whore mouth.

MARY

But that's all a front, isn't it Oletta? You're the biggest sinner in town now. And it all started when you had an illicit tryst with someone. Who was it?!

OLETTA

It... it was Santa Claus!

Everyone gasps.

OLETTA (CONT'D)

But I didn't kill him. I was with Wynn.

FELICE

And what were you two doing? Or more importantly, what was he doing. We don't care about you.

OLETTA

We... we... were on a sleigh ride!

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SC-01-07-01 - SLEIGH RIDE

OLETTA (WYNN)

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring tingle tingling too (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "Yoo hoo!" (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

BOTH:

(Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
(Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
(Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

WYNN (OLETTA)

Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy and cozy are we (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
Were snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

Let's take the road before us and sing a chorus or two
 (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with
 you (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

BOTH:

(Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

(Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

WYNN & OLETTA (ENSEMBLE)

Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy and cozy are we
 (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 Were snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would
 be (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 Let's take the road before us and sing a chorus or two
 (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with
 you (Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)

WYNN & OLETTA:

(Ring-a-ling-a ding-dong-ding!)
 (Ring-a-ling-a
 Ding
 Dong
 Ding!)

END OF SONG

*****BLUEOUT

EVERYONE EXITS (CLOSEST EXIT).

SC-01-07-02 - ANNOUNCER #03

TV ANNOUNCER

Christmas in Mistletoe Falls 3: The
 Chrismurdering, will return after
 this brief commercial message.

END ACT 1 SCENE 7

ACT 1 SCENE 8**INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY****SC-01-08-01 - ANNOUNCER #04**

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Coming soon on the AllHeart Mystery
 Channel, a pretty in a non-
 threatening way barista in a quaint
 small town coffee shop thought it
 was just another Christmas, but she
 had no idea that what was being
 brewed was bloodshed! Can she
 catch a caffeinated killer before
 she's the focus of another
 Frappuccino felony?

*******GENERAL STORE****DONNA (SUGAR) AND VLAD (TINSEL) ENTER UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER**

Donna has a to-go coffee cup.

DONNA
 Iced sugar cookie almond milk
 gingerbread chai praline caramel
 latte for Vlad? Order for Vlad
 Tidings?

VLAD
 I'm Vlad Tidings.

DONNA
 Here you go. Merry Christmas!

Vlad takes a drink from the cup, chokes, and falls to the
 floor dead. Donna gasps.

SC-01-08-02 - DRAMATIC MUSIC**YUL (JACK) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR**

DONNA (CONT'D)
 Who are you?

YUL
 I'm Sheriff Log. But you can call
 me Yul.

DONNA

You're Sheriff Yul Log? My name is Donna... Donna Ann Blitzen. Our customer Vlad tidings is dead!

Yul glances at Vlad.

YUL

It seems very clear that this man most likely had a nut allergy and was done in by the Iced sugar cookie almond milk gingerbread chai praline caramel latte he drank.

DONNA

No. As a barista, I know that life is a like a cup of coffee and when you mix the wrong ingredients, it just doesn't taste right. That makes me believe that this man was murdered and I'm going to prove it!

SC-01-08-03 - BABY IT'S HOMICIDE/ANNOUNCER OUTRO

*****UPBEAT SONG

To the tune of "Baby It's Cold Outside"

DONNA

I have to be strong

VLAD

Baby, it's homicide

DONNA

I know I'm not wrong

VLAD

Baby, it's homicide

DONNA

This man didn't die

YUL

Needing to ask you why

DONNA

Of something nice

YUL

I checked his pulse, his hand's like ice

DONNA

My instinct tells me he was killed

VLAD

Catch my killer and I'll be thrilled

DONNA

My gut is saying murder most foul

VLAD

A killer is out on the prowl

DONNA

So, really we'd better hurry

YUL

I don't think we should worry

DONNA

This Christmas is going to be wrecked

YUL

Maybe we could look for suspects

DONNA

The killer is loose

VLAD

Baby, it's homicide

DONNA

He could have a noose

VLAD

Baby, it's homicide

DONNA

I wish I knew who

YUL

As long as it wasn't you

DONNA

He was in his prime

YUL

We must find out who did this crime

DONNA

I ought to say "I know, know, know, Sir"

YUL

The clues will get us closer

DONNA

At least I'm gonna say that I tried

YUL

We won't let the murderer slide

VLAD

I really can't stay

DONNA

Baby, there is no doubt

ALL

Baby, it's homicide

After the song, Donna and Sheriff Yul Log lean in for a kiss but don't.

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
Watch "A Candy Cane Coffee
Christmas Crime," only on The
AllHeart Mystery Channel.

*******BLUEOUT**

DONNA, VLAD, YUL EXIT UPSTAGE DOOR.

END ACT 1 SCENE 8

ACT 1 SCENE 9**INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT**MARY AND FELICE ENTER STAGE RIGHT, SANTA ENTERS STAGE LEFT
AND LIES BY THE TREE DEAD*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

MARY

So, let's see. Our suspects so far are Dr. Bob, who was sued by Santa in malpractice suit; inn owner Oletta, who had a torrid affair with Santa; bakery owner December, who was mad about a bad Yelp review that Santa left; and Wynn, who Santa was going to reveal had stolen all the toys. Surely, one of them must be the killer.

FELICE

Not necessarily. And don't call me Shirley... except on the weekends when I perform at the famous drag club, Tuckingham Palace.

MARY

Well, we do have more people to interview. We don't have motives for Mayor Joy or any of the actors.

FELICE

Or Dash...

MARY

Oh, it couldn't be him.

FELICE

Or you!!

MARY

Why would I want to kill Santa?

FELICE

It was his wife that cast a spell that made you pregnant! Coincidence? I think not!

SC-01-09-01 - I THINK NOT STING

MARY

(gasp)

Okay, it's true. If Santa had been nicer to Mrs. Claus, she wouldn't have been evil and then I wouldn't be having a hard time being a single mom and a hard working career gal from the big city. It's all his fault!

MRS. CLAUS ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR, RUNS TO SANTA

MRS. CLAUS

How dare you blame my poor dead husband! Oh, Santa, Santa! What have they done to you?

FELICE

Oh, drop the act, sister! Everyone knows you hated Santa Claus. You tried to kill him lots of times.

MRS. CLAUS

That may have been true when I was evil, but I've changed my wicked ways. We were going to reconcile. But now that he's gone, I've got the blues.

*******MID TEMPO SONG**

SC-01-09-02 - THE CHRISTMAS BLUES

MRS. CLAUS

The jingle bells are jingling
The streets are white with snow
The happy crowds are mingling
But there's no one that I know
I'm sure that you'll forgive me
If I don't enthuse
I guess I've got the Christmas blues

I've done my window shopping
There's not a store I've missed
But what's the use of stopping
When there's no one on your list
You'll know the way I'm feeling
When you love and you lose
I guess I've got the Christmas blues

When somebody wants you
Somebody needs you
Christmas is a joy of joy

But friends, when you're lonely
You'll find that it's only
A thing for little girls and little boys

May all your days be merry
Your seasons full of cheer
But 'til it's January
I'll just go and disappear
Oh Santa may have brought you some stars for your shoes
But Santa only brought me the blues
Those brightly packaged tinsel covered Christmas blues

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

After the song...

MRS. CLAUS (CONT'D)
Besides, I couldn't have killed
Santa. I just got back from the
North Pole. The sleigh landed at
6:30. Now, if you'll excuse me, I
have to figure out how many elves
it's going to take to carry Santa's
casket down the aisle.

MRS. CLAUS EXITS UPSTAGE DOOR

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 1 SCENE 9

ACT 1 SCENE 10

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

FELICE

She's a little scary. I want to be her when I grow up.

MARY

Do you think she killed Santa?

FELICE

I don't know. But we haven't talked to all the suspects yet. Why don't you round up who's left?

MARY

What are you going to do?

FELICE

I'm going to take a little disco nap. I do my best work in bed.

MARY

Oh, well, there's no bed in here.

Mary grabs a pillow and blanket from the shelves and hands them to Felice.

MARY

But here's a blanket and pillow. You could do it on the floor.

FELICE

Wouldn't be the first time.

MARY EXITS STAGE RIGHT, FELICE LIES DOWN CENTER

FELICE

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray
the Lady Gaga my soul to keep, and
if I die before I wake, let me
dream of hot mens for goodness
sake!

Felice drifts off to sleep. During the song, the guys come out dressed in sexy Santa costumes and sing suggestively like they are at a Christmas themed slumber party.

*****SEXY SONG

SC-01-10-01 - SANTA BABY

DASH

Santa baby, just slip a Sable under the tree for me
 I been an awful good girl
 Santa baby, so hurry down the chimney tonight

WYNN

Santa baby, a '54 convertible too, light blue
 I'll wait up for you, dear
 Santa baby, and hurry down the chimney tonight

TINSEL

Think of all the fun I've missed
 Think of all the fellas that I haven't kissed
 Next year, I could be oh so good
 If you check off my Christmas list

BOB

Santa baby, I want a yacht, and really, that's not a lot
 Been an angel all year
 Santa baby, so hurry down the chimney tonight

JACK

Santa cutie, one little thing I really need
 The deed to a platinum mine
 Santa baby, so hurry down the chimney tonight

SANTA

Santa baby, I'll fill your stocking with a duplex and checks
 Sign your "X" on the line
 Santa baby, I'll hurry down the chimney tonight

ALL

Come and trim my Christmas tree
 With some decorations bought at Tiffany's
 I really do believe in you
 Let's see if you believe in me

Santa baby, forgot to mention one little thing
 A ring, I don't mean on the phone
 Santa baby, so hurry down the chimney tonight
 Hurry down the chimney tonight

END OF SONG

GUYS EXIT STAGE LEFT OR RIGHT, SANTA LIES DOWN BY THE TREE

*****GENERAL STORE NIGHT

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 1 SCENE 10

ACT 1 SCENE 11

THE SCENE CONTINUES

MARY, JOY, AND DECEMBER ENTER STAGE RIGHT

Felice jerks awake and sits up, looking toward the exits.

FELICE

No, don't go! I'm better than
Santa. He only comes once a year!

MARY

Detective Navidad? It's me, Mary.

FELICE

Oh. I guess it was just a dream.
A wonderful, wonderful dream.

MARY

I brought Mayor Joy Tudaworlt and
she insisted that December
Twennyfith be here.

FELICE

Realllly? What's going on here?

JOY

She can provide me with an alibi.

DECEMBER

It's true. When I was eating at
the Hawaiian restaurant with Dr.
Bob Tailsring, I saw Mayor Joy
Tudaworlt across the street coming
out of the local pub, Brewdolp the
Red Nosed Reinbeer.

JOY

Where I had one craft IPA called
Ale I Want for Christmas.

MARY

December, are you absolutely sure
it was Mayor Joy?

DECEMBER

Yes! I remember thinking... I wish
she'd give me some trim...
(off their looks)
Trim the Christmas tree!

*****UPBEAT SONG

SC-01-11-01 - THIS CHRISTMAS**DECEMBER**

Hang all the mistletoe
 I'm gonna get to know you better
 This Christmas
 And as we trim the tree
 How much fun it's gonna be together
 This Christmas

Fireside is blazing bright
 We're caroling through the night

And this Christmas will be
 A very special Christmas for me, oh, yeah
 Very special Christmas for me, oh, oh, yeah

Presents and cards are here
 My world is filled with cheer and you
 This Christmas
 And as I look around
 Your eyes outshine the town, they do
 This Christmas

Fireside is blazing bright
 We're caroling through the night

Oh, and this Christmas will be
 A very special Christmas for me

(Shake a hand, shake a hand, shake a hand now)
 (Shake a hand, shake a hand, shake a hand now)
 (Shake a hand, shake a hand, shake a hand now)
 (Shake a hand, shake a hand, shake a hand now)

Fireside is blazing bright, blazing bright
 We're caroling through the night
 And this Christmas will be
 A very special Christmas for me
 For me

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

FELICE

That's very interesting. And a
 little gay. But tell us, Mayor
 Joy... why do you think you need an
 alibi? Unless you have a good
 reason to want Santa dead!

JOY

No! No!

(beat)

Yes! He was going to run for Mayor
against me next year. He wanted to
take my job!

FELICE

And so you killed him!

JOY

No! Don't get me wrong. I love
being Mayor. It means almost as
much to me as Christmas does.

FELICE

What does Christmas mean to you?

JOY

I'm glad you asked.

*****UPBEAT SONG

SC-01-11-02 - WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

JOY

Oh, yeah, Candles burnin' low
Lots of mistletoe
Lots of snow and ice
Everywhere we go
Choirs singin' carols
Right outside my door

All these things and more
Whoa, that's what Christmas means to me my love
whoa, yeah

Yeah
And ya know what I mean

I see your smilin' face
Like I never seen before
Even though I love ya madly
It seems I love you more
The little cards you'll give me
Will touch my heart for sure

All these things and more, darling
Whoa, that's what Christmas means to me my love

oh, yeah, I
I feel like runnin' wild
As anxious as a little child

Greet you 'neath the mistletoe
 Kiss you once and then some more
 And wish you a Merry Christmas baby
 Whoa, and such happiness in the comin' year
 Oh, baby

Let's deck the halls with holly
 Sing sweet silent night
 Fill the tree with angel hair
 And pretty, pretty lights
 Go to sleep and wake up
 Just before daylight

All these things and more, baby
 Whoa, that's what Christmas means to me my love
 oh, baby, baby

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

After the song...

JOY

So, you see, even though I hated
 Santa for trying to steal my job, I
 never would've killed him.

SUGAR, JACK, AND TINSEL ENTER

SUGAR

We heard you wanted to talk to us
 about Santa's murder.

FELICE

As a matter of fact, I do. All
 three of you had reasons to kill
 Santa Claus. Don't deny it!

JACK

Because you know the truth?

FELICE

(re: audience)

No, the first act is running a
 little long and they need to use
 the bathroom. So, spill sister!

SUGAR

It's true! I was a star! A huge
 AllHeart Channel Christmas movie
 star! And Santa was threatened by
 my fame.

(MORE)

SUGAR (CONT'D)

He had to be the most famous thing about Christmas so he derailed my career. First I was moved to streaming and now I just do these shitty mysteries that nobody watches.

JACK

Oh, boohoo! I was about to break free of the AllHeart movie hunk typecasting and become a real movie star. I was going to play Ken in the Barbie movie! But Santa got jealous and made sure I stayed put. Fucking Gosling.

TINSEL

Well, what about me?! I was happy here in Mistletoe Falls as Sheriff Yul Tihed, but then Santa convinced me that I should leave Dash at the altar, move to Hollywood, change my name to Tinsel Washington, and chase my dreams of stardom. But the only roles I've booked are as the dead guy!

FELICE

Well, that's very interesting, but I think you're liars, liars, pants on fires! The real reason all of you wanted Santa dead is because of your new movie! A movie where Santa Claus gets murdered! Coincidence? I think not!

SC-01-11-03 - I THINK NOT STING

*****BLUEOUT

ALL EXIT

END ACT 1 SCENE 11

ACT 1 SCENE 12

INT. GENERAL STORE - DAY

SC-01-12-01 - ANNOUNCER #05

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Coming soon on the AllHeart Mystery
 Channel, when a pretty in a non-
 threatening way hard working career
 gal from the big city visits a
 quaint small town general store at
 Christmas, she gets caught up in
 the season's spirit of a Santa
 slaying!

*****GENERAL STORE

TINSEL AS SANTA CLAUS ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER

TINSEL
 Well, I guess I shouldn't keep all
 the good boys and girls waiting.
 I'm so excited about Christmas this
 year I could just die!

TINSEL EXITS UP CENTER DOOR.SC-01-12-02 - SCARY MUSIC

We hear Tinsel from off.

TINSEL (O.S.) (CONT'D)
 Oh, hello! What are you doing with
 that TBD? Wait... don't do that...
 No, no... HO HO NO!!!

TINSEL ENTERS UP CENTER DOOR W/TBD IN HIS CHEST. HE STUMBLES, A DRAMATIC DEATH SCENE, AND FALLS BEHIND THE TREE.SC-01-12-03 - CHRISTMAS MUSICSUGAR AS MARY ENTERS STAGE RIGHT

Sugar sees Santa Claus.

SUGAR
 Fa la la la la. I'm Mary
 Christmas, the hard working career
 gal from the big city who just had
 a baby!
 (MORE)

SUGAR (CONT'D)

It's too bad the baby's father,
Dash Ingradasno isn't around.

DASH (THE REAL ONE) ENTERS STAGE LEFT

DASH

Wait. Why isn't anyone playing me
in this?

SUGAR

Have you seen the budgets for these
things? I get paid in car wash
coupons from those ValPack
envelopes you get in the mail.

DASH SRUGS AND NODS AND EXITS STAGE LEFT

JACK AS FELIX NAVIDAD ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR

In this version, Felice is a very straight, macho, guy.

JACK

Never fear, I'm Detective Felix
Navidad and I'm here to solve this
crime and be very heterosexual.

FELICE (THE REAL ONE) ENTERS STAGE LEFT AND GIVES JACK A
"REALLY?" LOOK

JACK (CONT'D)

They did a focus group about you.
It was all people from Richmond
Hill.

FELICE SHRUGS, NODS, AND EXITS STAGE LEFT

SUGAR

Detective Navidad! I want to help
solve this crime.

JACK

That would be fantastic in a
heterosexual way.

FELICE (O.S.)

Okay, okay, we get it!

JACK

We'll solve this crime together or
my name isn't Felice Navidad.

SC-01-12-04 - FELIX NAVIDAD/ANNOUNCER OUTRO

*******UPBEAT SONG**

To the tune of "Feliz Navidad"

SUGAR

Felix Navidad
 He's Felix Navidad
 Felix Navidad
 He's very straight just to be precise

JACK

Felix Navidad
 I'm Felix Navidad
 Felix Navidad
 And I don't speak Spanish because of ICE

TINSEL

He's gonna solve my Chrismurdering
 He's gonna solve my Chrismurdering
 He's gonna solve my Chrismurdering
 'Cuz he's straight and American

ALL

I'm/He's gonna solve his/my Chrismurdering
 I'm/He's gonna solve his/my Chrismurdering
 I'm/He's gonna solve his/my Chrismurdering
 'Cuz I'm/he's straight and American

After the song, Sugar and Jack lean in for a kiss but don't.

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Watch "A Merry Murder in
 Mistletoe," only on The AllHeart
 Mystery Channel.

*******BLUEOUT**

SUGAR, JACK, TINSEL DO NOT EXIT

END ACT 1 SCENE 12

ACT 1 SCENE 13**INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT**

MARY, DASH, OLETTA, MRS. CLAUS, BOB, WYNN, FELICE, SANTA, JOY, DECEMER ENTER; SANTA LIES BY THE TREE AGAIN

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

FELICE

What have we learned? That every single person in this room had a motive for killing Santa Claus. Did you hear me? Every single person! Hint, hint. Wink, wink!

WYNN

Wait... every person? Does that mean... you wanted Santa dead, too?

FELICE

(re: Wynn)
All that and smart, too. Call me.
(to group, dramatic)
Yes, I wanted to kill Santa!

Everyone gasps.

FELICE (CONT'D)

(to audience)
I'm fabulous! I need a much bigger gasp than that. Let's try it again.
(dramatic)
I wanted to kill Santa!

Everyone gasps again and hopefully the audience does, too.

FELICE (CONT'D)

That's more like it. Yes, Santa Claus and I have a history. No, not that kind. When I was a child, I wrote a letter to Santa asking him for a My Pretty Pony, but he thought it was too girly and gave me a Transformer instead. I never forgave him! But I didn't kill him, I swear. I wasn't even here when he was murdered.

OLETTA

So, everyone had a motive.

DECEMBER
But everyone has an alibi.

DASH
(hysterical)
We're never going to figure out
whodunnit! Santa!!!

Dash throws himself on top of Santa.

MRS. CLAUS
Drama queen.

MARY
Come on, everybody! If we work
together, we can unwrap the
Christmas killer no matter what
Jingle Bell Rock they're hiding
under!

SC-01-13-01 - ROCK & ROLL CHRISTMAS MEGAMIX

*****UPBEAT SONG

JINGLE BELL ROCK

MARY

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring
Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun

FELICE

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air

DECEMBER

What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away

WYNN

Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh

BOB

Giddy up, jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock

TINSEL

Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet
That's the jingle bell

TINSEL, JACK, SUGAR

That's the jingle bell

ALL

That's the jingle bell rock

EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG**MRS. CLAUS**

Old Mister Kringle is soon gonna jingle
The bells that'll tingle all your troubles away

SANTA

Everybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
'Cause Christmas is coming again

OLETTA

He's got a sleighful, it's not gonna stay full
He's got stuff to drop at every stop of the way

JOY

Everybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
'Cause Christmas is coming again

JACK

He'll be here
With the answer to the prayers that you made through the year

SUGAR

You'll get yours
If you've done everything you should extra special good

DASH

He'll make this December the one you'll remember
The best and the merriest you ever did have

ALL

Everybody's waitin' for the man with the bag
Christmas is here again

INSTRUMENTAL DANCE/BREAK

BOB

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
At the Christmas party hop

DECEMBER

Mistletoe hung where you can see
Every couple tries to stop

OLETTA

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Let the Christmas spirit ring

WYNN

Later we'll have some pumpkin pie
And we'll do some caroling

JOY

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear

MARY

Voices singing, let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

ALL

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancin' merrily
In the new old-fashioned way

DIG THAT CRAZY SANTA CLAUS**ALL**

Jingle, jangle
Jingle, jangle
Jingle, jangle
Jingle, jangle
Jingle, jangle

JACK

Dig that crazy Santa Claus with his red suit on
Dig that walk, that crazy talk, man, oh man, he's really gone

SUGAR

Dig that crazy Santa Claus with his bag of toys
Drags his sack through a chimney stack
All the little hep-cats jump for joy

TINSEL

So cool it, Rudolph, cool it
With your nose aglow
Tell those groovy reindeer
When Santa starts to blow

ALL

Go, go!

Dig that crazy Santa Claus
Well, I do believe he will bring some crazy toys
You better be good this Christmas Eve, jump!

WYNN

Out of all the reindeers, you know you're the mastermind
Run, run Rudolph, Randolph, ain't too far behind

DASH

Run, run, Rudolph, Santa's gotta make it to town
Santa make him hurry, tell him he can take the freeway down

Run, run, Rudolph, 'cause I'm reeling like a merry-go-round

MARY

Said Santa to a boy, "Child, what have you been longing for?"
 "All I want for Christmas is a rock and roll electric guitar"
 And then away went Rudolph whizzing like a shooting star

ALL

Run, run, Rudolph, Santa has to make it to town
 Santa make him hurry, tell him he can take the freeway down
 Run, run, Rudolph, reeling like a merry-go-round

END OF SONG

*******DRAMATIC LIGHTS**

SC-01-13-02 - END OF ACT OUTRO

TV ANNOUNCER

The suspects have been identified.
 Was it... Mary Christmas. Dash
 Ingtrudasno. Mrs. Claus. Felice
 Navidad. Mayor Joy Tudaworldt.
 Dr. Bob Tailsring. Oletta
 Townnabetlehem. Wynn Terwunerlan.
 Sugar Plum. Jack Frost. Tinsel
 Washington. Which one of them did
 it? Who killed Santa?

(beat)

That's up to you.

(beat)

Christmas in Mistletoe Falls 3: The
 Chrismurdering will continue after
 this 15 minute intermission.

*******BLUEOUT**

EVERYONE EXITS

*******INTERMISSION LIGHTS**

SC-01-13-03 - INTERMISSION MUSIC

END ACT 1 SCENE 13

ACT 2 SCENE 1

EXT. TOWN DUMP - DAY

SC-02-01-01 - ANNOUNCER #02

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Coming soon on the AllHeart Mystery Channel, a pretty in a non-threatening way woman who scavenges in a quaint small town garbage dump finds more than just treasure amidst the trash at Christmas. Now, she has to sort through the ribbons and rubbish to find a tinsel-topped trash terrorist before she gets put out at the Christmas curb.

*****GENERAL STORE

JESS (SUGAR) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER

JESS

I'm so happy to be here at the town dump today. You know what they say. One man's trash is another man's opportunity to sucker people into paying money for stuff that someone else threw away.

HOLLY (TINSEL) ENTERS

HOLLY

Hey! What are you doing here?

JESS

I'm scavenging. Who are you?

HOLLY

I run this dump. My name is Holly. Holly Parton.

Holly gasps, chokes, and falls to the ground dead.

Jess gasps.

SC-02-01-02 - DRAMATIC MUSICDON (JACK) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR

JESS
Who are you?

DON
I'm the local coroner Don.

JESS
Isn't your last name
Wenowourgayapparel?

DON
Yes. I'm Don Wenowourgayapparel.

JESS
Nice to mee you. I'm Jess. Jess
Nudsroasding. Look! Holly Parton
is dead!

DON
(glances at Holly)
Yes, she is. But although I
haven't done a complete autopsy, I
am such a good coroner that I can
tell there was no foul play.

JESS
But that's impossible. I've found
enough dead things in the dump to
know that this woman was murdered!
And I'm going to prove it!

SC-02-01-03 - WE NEED A LITTLE CLUE RIGHT NOW/ANNOUNCER OUTRO

*******UPBEAT SONG**

To the tune of "We Need a Little Christmas"

JESS

Haul out this Holly
'Cuz she was murdered of this I am very sure
I know she's garbage, I am scavenger and
I can tell there's rigor

DON

I am just a humble coroner
I think I should warn her
Not to be cold-hearted
But Holly is departed
There's no evidence of murder
Right this very minute
We need a little clue right now!

HOLLY

My name is Holly
I run the town dump and I just got murdered here

Please find my killer before the rats take my face
As a souvenir now

ALL

For she's/I've grown a little colder
Grown a little grosser
Grown a little rotting
My God what's that odor

So we've got to solve the murder
Or else we will throw up
Need a little clue right now

After the song, Jess and Don lean in for a kiss but instead
start to gag from the smell.

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
Watch "A Tragic Trash Heap with all
the Trimmings," only on The
AllHeart Mystery Channel.

*******BLUEOUT**

JESS, DON, AND HOLLY EXIT UPSTAGE DOOR.

END ACT 2 SCENE 1

ACT 2 SCENE 2**INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT**SANTA ENTERS STAGE LEFT, LIES DOWN BY TREE DEADJOY ENTERS STAGE LEFT TO KNEEL BY SANTA'S BODY*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

As the lights come up, Joy is kneeling beside Santa's body.

FELICE ENTERS STAGE RIGHT

FELICE

Okay, you may be a big deal in this town and think you can mess with my crime scene, but the only mayor I care about is John because he thinks my body is a wonderland.

JOY

(stands; perky smile)
Oh, no, I wasn't doing anything wrong. I just love this town so much that I hate to think of what it's going to do to our reputation when everyone finds out Santa was murdered here.

FELICE

Girl, please. I clocked you from the minute I walked in. I've known a lot of girls who are all smiles to your face but as soon as your back is turned the claws come out. I think this kitty knows how to scratch.

JOY

(sighs; shrugs)
Fine. If this is the little thrust and parry you want to play, Detective, then I say *en garde*.

FELICE

Ah, the moment we've all been waiting for when out of nowhere, a suspect reveals they have a totally different personality than the one we've seen them display so far.

JOY

Yes, therefore making them seem to be the killer even though it's just a red herring designed to throw the audience off.

FELICE

(points at audience)
They already voted for the killer.

JOY

Yeah, but we just started the second act. We have to do something to fill the time.

FELICE

So, then it's a cat and mouse game between two brilliant minds is it? The only question is, who's the cat and who's the mouse?

JOY

There's only one way to find out.

*******SOFT LIGHTS**

SC-02-02-01 - WINTER WONDERLAND/LET IT SNOW!

JOY

This is our favorite time of the year
Voices ring out with holiday cheer
So many songs what are we do
Dear Ms. Navidad

FELICE

Yes, Mayor T?

JOY

Let's sing one or two

FELICE

That would be divine

*******UPBEAT SONG**

JOY

You know Felice, you're the world renown detective
Why don't you start the song?

FELICE

I can't

JOY

Why not?

FELICE

Because it's in your key

JOY

Sleigh bells ring
 Are you listening
 In the lane
 Snow is glistening
 A beautiful sight
 We're happy tonight
 Walking in a winter wonderland

FELICE (JOY)

Oh the weather outside is frightful
 But the fire is so delightful
 And since we've no place to go (nowhere to got)

BOTH

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

FELICE (JOY)

In the meadow we can build a snowman (oh man!)
 Then pretend that he is Parson Brown

JOY (FELICE)

He'll say are you married?
 We'll say no man (snowman!)

BOTH

But you can do the job when you're in town

JOY

When we finally kiss goodnight

FELICE

How I'll hate going out in the storm

JOY (FELICE)

I know, but if you'll really hold me tight (so tight)

BOTH

All the way home I'll be warm

JOY

Later on
 We'll conspire
 As we dream by the fire

BOTH

To face unafraid
 The plans that we've made
 Walking in a winter wonderland

JOY

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow
In the meadow there's a snowman
Lets pretend that he is Parson Brown

FELICE

He'll say are you married?
We'll say no man

BOTH

But you can do the job when you're in town

FELICE (JOY)

The fire is slowly dying (later on, we'll conspire)
And, my dear, we're still goodbying (as we dream by the fire)

BOTH

To face unafraid
The plans that we've made

JOY (FELICE)

Walking in a winter wonderland (let it snow)
Walking in a winter wonderland (let it snow)

BOTH

Walk... Walking in a winter wonderland

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

After the song...

FELICE

You know, you're not so bad after
all.

JOY

Yes, I am.

FELICE

I know. We're going to be best
friends!

JOY AND FELICE EXIT UPSTAGE DOOR

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 2 SCENE 2

ACT 2 SCENE 3

MARY ENTERS STAGE RIGHT AND GOES TO SANTA

MARY

(sad)

Oh, Santa...

(not sad)

How long are we going to leave your dead body here, because it's really getting kinda creepy.

(beat - sad)

Oh, Santa... I'm sorry I haven't been able to figure out who murdered you.

Santa sits up.

SANTA

Don't be sad, Mary. It's okay.

MARY

Santa? Are you really here?

SANTA

I'm always with you, Mary. Even when it's not Christmas, I'm here with you. Even when I'm on the other side of the world delivering presents, I'm here with you. Even my rotting corpse is lying on the floor under the Christmas tree, I'm here with you.

MARY

That's so sweet. But Santa, how are we going to have Christmas without you?

SANTA

Just think of the good times, Mary. Think of all the fun we've had during Christmases past. Like that one time I took you for a ride in my sleigh?

MARY

That was fun. But thinking of that just make me think of how much I'll miss having Christmas without you.

*******MEDIUM TEMPO SONG**

SC-02-03-01 - BLUE CHRISTMAS

DURING THE FOLLOWING, JOY, BOB, OLETTA, WYNN, DECEMBER, JACK, SUGAR, TINSEL, AND DASH ENTER WEARING REINDEER ANTLERS AND TAKE MARY AND SANTA ON A SLEIGH RIDE.

MARY

I'll have a blue Christmas without you
 I'll be so blue just thinking about you
 Decorations of red on a green Christmas tree
 Won't be the same dear, if you're not here with me

And when those blue snowflakes start falling
 That's when those blue memories start calling
 You'll be doing all right
 With your Christmas of white
 But I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas

AD LIB DIALOGUE FROM SLEIGH DURING INSTRUMENTAL

You'll be doing alright
 With your Christmas of white
 But I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas

END OF SONG

JOY, BOB, OLETTA, WYNN, DECEMBER, JACK, SUGAR, TINSEL, AND DASH EXIT

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

MARY

You know, Santa, you're right.
 Christmas is about remembering the
 good times... and pretending that
 all of the horrible stuff that's
 happening all around us every
 single day doesn't exist.

SANTA

Exactly. Now... I need to go back
 to being dead again.

SANTA LIES BACK DOWN BY THE TREE, DEAD, AS MARY EXITS STAGE RIGHT

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 1 SCENE 3

ACT 1 SCENE 4

THE SCENE CONTINUES

OLETTA, BOB,, WYNN, AND DECEMBER ENTER UPSTAGE DOOR EATING CHRISTMAS COOKIES

OLETTA

Thanks for the Christmas cookies,
December.

DECEMBER

You're welcome. Santa was wrong
when he wrote that Yelp review. My
cookies are deliciously moist and
not crumbly at all, right?

Oletta, Bob, and Wynn all takes a bite and grimace.

BOB

(no, they're not)
Yeah. They're really good.

WYNN

(aside)
I can't feel my tongue.

OLETTA

(aside)
This is what it tastes like when
Satan cums in your mouth.

While December isn't looking, Oletta, Bob, and Wynn dispose
of their cookies in funny ways (out the door, in tree, stuff
it into Santa's mouth, etc.).

OLETTA (CONT'D)

Mmmm, mmmm!

DECEMBER

So, who do you guys think killed
Santa Claus?

WYNN

I don't know, but whoever did it
deserves a medal. Santa was kind
of a dick.

BOB

Right?! I mean, jolly old fellow
my ass. He was just a mean, cranky
old man.

OLETTA
But so good in bed.

DECEMBER
Really?

OLETTA
You have no idea. That man awoke a
passion in me that I didn't know
existed. Before he came along, I
was as pure as the driven snow.

Bob, December, and Wynn all roll their eyes.

OLETTA (CONT'D)
But Santa changed all that. I was
a saint, but he turned me into a
sinner, and made sure my holidays
were very, very happy.

*****UPBEAT SONG

SC-02-04-01 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS/HOLIDAY SEASON

OLETTA (OTHERS)

Happy holiday (happy holiday)
Happy holiday (happy holiday)
While the merry bells keep ringing
Happy holiday to you (happy holiday)
(Happy holiday)

It's the holiday season
And Santa Claus is coming 'round
The Christmas snow is white on the ground
When old Santa gets into town
He'll be coming down the chimney, down
(He'll be coming down the chimney, down)

It's the holiday season
And Santa Claus has got a toy
For every good girl and good little boy
Santa's a great big bundle of joy
When he's coming down the chimney, down
(When he's coming down the chimney, down)

He'll have a big fat pack upon his back
And lots of goodies for you and for me
So leave a peppermint stick for old St. Nick
Hanging on the Christmas tree

It's the holiday season (the holiday season)
So hoop-de-do and dickory dock
And don't forget to hang up your sock
'Cause just exactly at twelve o'clock

He'll be coming down the chimney, down
 (He'll be coming down the chimney, down)

He'll have a big fat pack upon his back (yeah)
 And lots of goodies for you and for me
 So leave a peppermint stick for old St. Nick
 Hanging on the Christmas tree

It's the holiday season (the holiday season)
 So hoop-de-do and dickory dock
 And don't forget to hang up your sock
 'Cause just exactly at twelve o'clock
 He'll be coming down the chimney
 (Coming down the chimney)
 Coming down the chimney, down

(Happy holiday) Happy holiday
 (Happy holiday) Happy holiday
 While the merry bells keep ringing
 Happy holiday to you

END OF SONG

*******BLUEOUT**

OLETTA, BOB, DECEMBER, WYNN, AND SANTA EXIT (CLOSEST EXIT).

SC-02-04-02 - ANNOUNCER #07

TV ANNOUNCER
 Christmas in Mistletoe Falls 3: The
 Chrismurdering, will return after
 this brief commercial message.

END ACT 2 SCENE 4

ACT 2 SCENE 5

EXT. STREET - DAY

SC-02-05-01 - ANNOUNCER #08

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Coming soon on the AllHeart Mystery
 Channel, when the pretty in a non-
 threatening way driver of a
 Savannah slow ride pedals her way
 through a quaint small town at the
 holidays, the drinking turns deadly
 and it's up to her to guide this
 killer Christmas conveyance to
 safety before she gets merrily
 mowed down.

*****GENERAL STORE

SLEIGH-ONCÉ (SUGAR) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER

SLEIGH-ONCÉ
 It's another great Christmas here
 in Savannah, perfect for a pedal
 pub slow ride with a modest,
 reserved, quiet group of women from
 a bridal party.

RAIN (TINSEL) ENTERS, SCREAMING "WOOOO!"

SLEIGH-ONCÉ (CONT'D)
 Hi. You must be in the bridal
 party. I'm your driver, Sleigh-
 oncé.

RAIN
 Hi, I'm Rain. Rain Deer. Wooooo!
 Wooooo! Woooo!!!

Rain gasps, chokes, and drops dead while screaming "Wooo."
 Sleigh-oncé gasps.

SC-02-05-02 - DRAMATIC MUSICSPIRAL (JACK) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR

SLEIGH-ONCÉ
 Who are you?

SPIRAL

I'm Sheriff Ham. But you can call
me Spiral Cut.

SLEIGH-ONCÉ

Nice to meet you. I'm Sleigh-oncé.
Look! The woo girl Rain Deer is
dead!

Rain sits up and screams "Wooo!" then falls back down dead.

SPIRAL

Good.

(to audience)

Oh, come on. We've all thought it.

SLEIGH-ONCÉ

That's true. But it's still a
murder. And I'm going to catch the
killer or my name's not Sleigh-
oncé.

SC-02-05-03 - ALL THE JINGLE LADIES/ANNOUNCER OUTRO

*******UPBEAT SONG**

To the tune of "All the Single Ladies"

SLEIGH-ONCE (HAM & RAIN)

All the jingle ladies (all the jingle ladies)
All the jingle ladies (all the jingle ladies)
All the jingle ladies (all the jingle ladies)
All the jingle ladies (now put your hands up)

Up on the roof (roof), a clatter of hoofs (hoofs)
We're doing our Christmas thing
The woo girl is dead (dead) run over by a sled (sled)
Hear those jingle bells ring

ALL

'Cause if it's Christmas, then you shoulda put a jingle in
If you like it, then you shoulda put a jingle in
Don't be mad if you get coal in your stockin'
'Cause if you like it, then you shoulda put a jingle in

Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho
Ho, ho, ho, ho
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho
Ho, ho, ho, ho

After the song, Sleigh-oncé and Ham lean in for a kiss but
don't.

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
Watch "The Savannah Slow Ride
Slaughter Sled," only on The
AllHeart Mystery Channel.

*******BLUEOUT**

SLEIGH-ONCE, HAM, AND RAIN EXIT

END ACT 2 SCENE 5

ACT 2 SCENE 6

INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT

SANTA ENTERS STAGE LEFT, LIES DOWN BY TREE DEAD

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

MRS. CLAUS ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR

MRS. CLAUS

Oh, Santa... it's so hard to believe someone murdered you. I mean, it's hard to believe it took so long for someone to murder you.

Santa sits up.

SANTA

Oh shut up you cantankerous crone.

MRS. CLAUS

Make me you gutless gasbag.

SANTA

Bombastic battle axe!

MRS. CLAUS

Nauseating narcissist!

Santa and Mrs. Claus take a beat and sigh with happy nostalgia.

MRS. CLAUS (CONT'D)

It's too bad all this in my imagination, I'm really going to miss our banter.

SANTA

Me, too. Nobody could hurl an insult like you.

MRS. CLAUS

Oh, you gave as good as you got. Christmas isn't going to be the same without you. It'll be better.

SANTA

If I had realized it meant not having to deal with you anymore, I would've gotten murdered a long time ago.

They smile at each other.

MRS. CLAUS
How about one more song for the
road?

SANTA
You're on.

SC-02-06-01 - I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SANTA CLAUS

I'll be home for Christmas
You can plan on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree

MRS. CLAUS

Christmas Eve will find me
Where the lovelight gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

BOTH

I'll be home for Christmas
You can plan on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me
Where the lovelight gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

END OF SONG

Santa sits back down by the tree.

MRS. CLAUS
Goodbye, Santa.

SANTA
See you in hell, Mrs. Claus.

Mrs. Claus laughs as Santa lies back down, dead.

*******BLUEOUT**

MRS. CLAUS EXITS UPSTAGE DOOR; SANTA STAYS PUT.

END ACT 2 SCENE 6

ACT 2 SCENE 7

INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

DASH ENTERS STAGE RIGHT

Stone out of his mind, Dash staggers in happily and does some silly stuff with the Christmas merchandise on the shelves, giggles a lot, dances a little, then goes to Santa Claus.

DASH

Oh, I'm Santa Claus. I'm dead.

Dash pretends to be a zombie then laughs.

BOB ENTERS STAGE RIGHT

BOB

There you are, Dash. The shot I gave you is very strong. You should lie down.

DASH

Okay.

Dash collapses on the floor. Bob helps him up.

BOB

In your bed.

DASH

Oh. Right. You know, I was really upset about Santa being dead.

BOB

I know. You were ranting about conspiracies and cover ups. You accused Rudolph of being in the Epstein files.

DASH

They haven't released them so do we really know?

BOB

I'm just glad you're feeling better.

DASH

Oh, I am. What was in that shot?

BOB

Just a little Christmas cocktail I
invented. A little Xanax, a little
Valium, some horse tranquilizer. I
call it the Holly Jolly hypodermic.

SC-02-07-01 - HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

DURING THE SONG, DECEMBER, JOY, MARY, OLETTA, SUGAR, JACK,
TINSEL, AND MRS. CLAUS WILL COME ON STAGE AND BE A PART OF
DASH'S CHRISTMAS THEMED HALLUCINATIONS ALONG WITH SANTA

*******UPBEAT SONG**

BOB

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
It's the best time of the year
I don't know if there'll be snow
But have a cup of cheer

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
And when you walk down the street
Say Hello to friends you know
And everyone you meet

Oh, ho, the mistletoe
Is hung where you can see
Somebody waits for you
Kiss her once for me

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
And in case you didn't hear
Oh by golly, have a holly
Jolly Christmas this year

Oh, ho, the mistletoe
Is hung where you can see
Somebody waits for you
Kiss her once for me

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
And in case you didn't hear
Oh by golly, have a holly
Jolly Christmas this year

END OF SONG

DECEMBER, JOY, MARY, OLETTA, SUGAR, JACK, TINSEL, AND MRS.
CLAUS EXIT; SANTA LIES BACK DOWN BY THE TREE, DEAD

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

DASH
(looks at his hands)
Hey, Doc... how many hands am I
supposed to have?

BOB
Why don't we get you to bed?

DASH
At least buy a girl a drink first!

BOB GUIDES DASH OFF STAGE RIGHT

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 2 SCENE 7

ACT 2 SCENE 8

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

FELICE ENTERS STAGE RIGHT SPRAYING THE CONTENTS OF A
HYPODERMIC NEEDLE INTO HIS MOUTH

FELICE

Please. I've had stronger
cocktails than this at brunch.

WYNN ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR CARRYING WRAPPED PRESENTS

WYNN

Oh, hey Detective. Could you give
me a hand?

Felice applauds.

FELICE

No, seriously. I don't lift
things. Unless it's a perfectly
shaped eyebrow.

(re: presents)

What is all this?

Wynn puts all the presents on the floor near the shelves.

WYNN

It's all the toys I was hoarding.
Now that Santa Claus is dead,
somebody has to deliver them to all
the good little girls and boys.

FELICE

So, your nefarious plot to murder
Santa and take over his job worked!

WYNN

How many times do I have to tell
you, I didn't kill Santa. Hey, I'm
not saying I'm not happy the guy is
dead. He was getting a little long
in the tooth for this job. He's
over 40!

Santa sits up and gives Wynn a middle finger.

WYNN

Being Santa Claus requires someone
young and full of vitality. Just
look around.

(MORE)

WYNN (CONT'D)

With me as Santa Claus, doesn't
Christmas seem a little more merry
and bright already?

SC-02-08-01 - IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

*******UPBEAT SONG**

WYNN

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Everywhere you go
Take a look at the five and ten, it's glistening once again
With candy canes and silver lanes that glow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Toys in every store
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be
On your own front door

A pair of Hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots
Is the wish of Barney and Ben
Dolls that'll talk and will go for a walk
Is the hope of Janice and Jen
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Everywhere you go
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well
It's the sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Soon the bells will start
And the thing that'll make 'em ring
Is the carol that you sing
Right within your heart

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Soon the bells will start
Right within your heart
Right within your heart

END OF SONG

After the song...

FELICE

Okay, if you're really going to be
Santa Claus, then I have one
question for you... When do I get
to sit on your lap?

WYNN
I got time.

FELICE AND WYNN EXIT STAGE RIGHT

THE SCENE CONTINUES WITHOUT A BLUEOUT

END ACT 2 SCENE 8

ACT 2 SCENE 9

THE SCENE CONTINUES...

MARY, JOY, DECEMBER, OLETTA, SUGAR, AND MRS. CLAUS ENTER
UPSTAGE DOOR

MARY

All right, listen up. We have to figure out who killed Santa Claus. It's up to us, ladies.

OLETTA

Why should we be the ones to solve the case?

DECEMBER

Isn't it obvious? The guys are getting us nowhere. Dash is a mess. Dr. Bob is drugging people. Jack and Tinsel are too busy trying to get their agents on the phone. Wynn is prettier than any of us, which is just annoying.

SUGAR

What about Felice? We love Felice.

JOY

As a gay BFF, sure, but as a detective? I'm not impressed.

MRS. CLAUS

Let's face it. Men, as a general rule, are useless.

MARY

Then we're all agreed. The only way Santa's killer is going to be caught is if we do it ourselves!

There are general ad libs of agreement.

OLETTA

But wait... what if one us did it?

SC-02-09-01 - DRAMATIC MUSIC

Everyone looks at each other with suspicion.

SUGAR

(beat)

No, it's definitely one of the
dudes.

JOY

Totally.

DECEMBER

Men suck.

MRS. CLAUS

Fuck those guys.

JOY

But how are we going to crack the
case?

MARY

We do what we always do this time
of year in Mistletoe Falls. We
make a Christmas wish... with a
song.

*******SLOW SONG**

SC-02-09-02 - HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
From now on, our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the Yuletide gay
From now on, our 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
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

After the song the ladies all stand there for a moment, happy
smiles on their faces.

JOY
Did it work? Do we know who killed
Santa?

MARY
No fucking clue.

They all shrug and start to exit.

*******BLUEOUT**

MARY, JOY, DECEMBER, OLETTA, AND MRS. CLAUS EXIT STAGE LEFT

SUGAR EXITS UPSTAGE DOOR

SC-02-09-03 - ANNOUNCER #0

TV ANNOUNCER
Stay tuned for the conclusion of
Christmas in Mistletoe Falls 3: The
Chrismurdering, after this brief
commercial message.

END ACT 2 SCENE 9

ACT 2 SCENE 10

EXT. COLLEGE - DAY

SC-02-10-01 - ANNOUNCER #08

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Coming soon on the AllHeart Mystery Channel, when a pretty in a non-threatening way young woman with powers that are sort of like a witch but not really because we don't do that on the AllHeart Channel... when she gets an unexpected roommate at her quaint small town college during the holidays, the mistletoe magic turns merrily murderous and it's up to her to uncast a Christmas curse before this winter wonderland turns wicked.

*****GENERAL STORE

GLINSEL (SUGAR) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR TO CENTER

GLINSEL

I just love Christmas here at college in the Land of Ahhs... spelled A-H-H-S because we don't want to get sued.

ELFABA (TINSEL) ENTERS

GLINSEL (CONT'D)

Oh, hi. You must be my new roommate. I'm Glinsel. What's your name?

ELFABA

Elfaba with an F instead of a PH.

GLINSEL

Oh, like a Christmas elf. Cute. And not at all infringing on copywritten material.

The upstage door opens and a hand with a spray bottle pokes out and sprays Elfaba with water. She melts and dies.

SC-02-10-02 - DRAMATIC MUSIC

FROSTYERO (JACK) ENTERS UPSTAGE DOOR

GLINSEL (CONT'D)

Who are you?

FROSTYERO

I'm Frostyero. A rebellious
transfer student getting my degree
in magical criminology.

GLINSEL

Nice to meet you. I'm Glinsel.
Look! Elfaba spelled with an F
instead of PH is dead!

FROSTYERO

Yes, she is. But I'm sure that
someone sprayed water on her by
accident.

GLINSEL

No. This was definitely murder. I
defy you to tell me otherwise!

SC-02-10-03 - DEFYING CHRISTMAS TREES/ANNOUNCER OUTRO*******UPBEAT SONG****To the tune of "Defying Gravity"****GLINSEL**

Why are we doing this song
It's not Christmas at all
This is just so very wrong
This writer really has some big balls

FROSTYERO

Let's add some decorations
Onto the Christmas tree
Would that be better
Would that make them all believe?

ELFABA

Tell them I'm not defying Christmas trees
I'll decorate all of the Christmas trees
And soon I'll decorate the town
And nobody in Mistletoe
No Santa Claus or Grinch you know
Is ever gonna bring me down
Bring me down
Ahhh!

After the song, Glinsel and Frostyero lean in for a kiss but
Elfaba stops them and tries to kiss Frostyero instead.

TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
Watch "A Wickedly Winter Wonderland
Which Isn't a Ripoff of That
Billion Dollar Movie Franchise At
All," only on The AllHeart Mystery
Channel.

*******BLUEOUT**

GLINSEL, FROSTYERO, AND ELFABA EXIT UPSTAGE DOOR.

END ACT 2 SCENE 10

ACT 2 SCENE 11

INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT

SANTA ENTERS AND LIES DOWN NEXT TO TREE, DEAD

*****GENERAL STORE NIGHT

FELICE AND MARY ENTER STAGE RIGHT

MARY

I don't know what to do, Detective.
It's almost midnight... it's almost
Christmas! And we still haven't
caught Santa's murderer.

FELICE

Don't worry, Mary. If it's almost
Christmas, that means the show is
almost over and that means a clue
that has been right in front of us
the entire time is about to be
revealed and solve the whole thing
in the last couple minutes before
the next rerun of "Murder She
Wrote."

MARY

Oh, thank goodness.

DASH ENTERS STAGE RIGHT, AS IF HUNGOVER

MARY (CONT'D)

Dash! Are you okay?

DASH

Yeah, I'm fine. But for future
reference,, if Doctor Bob says he
wants to give you a little prick,
it isn't as much fun as you think
it's going to be.

FELICE

It never is.

DASH

Still no headway on solving the
murder?

MARY

I'm afraid not. But Felice is confident that a clue that will explain anything is going to pop up at any minute.

Mary, Dash, and Felice look around, waiting. When nothing happens...

DASH

Well, I guess we can dream, can't we?

SC-02-11-01 - WHITE CHRISTMAS

*******UPBEAT SONG**

DASH

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the tree tops glisten
And children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow, oh, the snow

I said, I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days, may your days
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmas' be white

MARY

I said, I'm dreaming of a white, oh, Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the tree tops glisten
And the children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

BOTH

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write

MARY

May your days, may your days, may your days
Be merry and bright
And may all your Christmas' be white

BOTH

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmas' be white

END OF SONG

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

At the end of the song, Mary and Dash are by the Christmas tree. Mary looks down and gasps.

MARY

Oh my goodness! I've just seen a major clue that has been right under our noses the entire time. I think I know who killed Santa Claus!

Dash and Felice gasp.

SC-02-11-02 - DRAMATIC OUTRO

*******BLUEOUT**

MARY, DASH, FELICE, SANTA DO NOT EXIT

END ACT 2 SCENE 11

ACT 2 SCENE 12**INT. GENERAL STORE - NIGHT**

JOY, BOB, OLETTA, DECEMBER, WYNN, SUGAR, JACK, TINSEL, AND
MRS. CLAUS ENTER AND CONGREGATE CENTER

*******GENERAL STORE NIGHT**

As the lights come up, Mary, Dash, Felice, Joy, Bob, Oletta, December, Wynn, Sugar, Jack, Tinsel, and Mrs. Claus are all on stage doing general hubub.

MARY

Listen up everyone! I guess you're all wondering why I've called you here.

BOB

You're going to tell us who killed Santa Claus.

MARY

Oh... okay, well, yeah. Thanks for ruining my moment, Doc. I found a very important clue!

During each of these, the suspect will go to Santa and show the thing they are talking about.

OLETTA

Was it the fact that the murder weapon says "Property of Holly-Day Inn?"

MARY

No.

WYNN

Was it the receipt from the Candy Cane Cafe clutched in Santa's hand?

MARY

No.

TINSEL

Was it the green makeup on his suit?

MARY

No, but why are you green?

TINSEL

It's a wickedly long story.

MRS. CLAUS

Was it the note in his pocket that says "If I'm dead, my wife did it."

MARY

No.

SUGAR

Was it the bloody DVD of one of my AllHeart Christmas movies in his jacket?

MARY

No.

DASH

Was it the garter I was wearing when Yul left me at the altar that's wrapped around his neck?

MARY

No.

FELICE

Was it the photo of Santa in drag beating me in the Star Search competition at Tuckingham Palace?

MARY

No, but we're going to follow up about that later.

JACK

Was it this recording on his phone?

SC-02-12-01 - SANTA RECORDING

SANTA (V.O.)

No, Jack! Don't kill me! No!!

MARY

No.

JOY

Was it Santa's blood on the giant scissors?

MARY

No.

DECEMBER

Was it the deliciously moist cookie
that was in his mouth?

MARY

No. And your cookies suck.

DECEMBER

Hey!

BOB

Was it the hypodermic syringe
sticking out of his ass?

MARY

No. And it wasn't little Mariah
Carey's first words, either.

Mary grabs the baby and holds her up.

SC-02-12-02 - BABY'S FIRST WORDS

BABY MARIAH

Mama killed Santa!

FELICE

All right, well, if it wasn't any
of those things, then what is the
clue that will finally reveal who
the killer is?

Mary goes to the tree and picks up a present.

MARY

It's this! Just before he died,
Santa wrote "This person is the
killer" in blood on this present.
And there's an arrow pointing at
the gift tag.

Everyone does some variation of "ohhhh" or "aahhhh" or "how
did we miss that?".

FELICE

Well, don't leave us hanging, Mary.
Who's name is on the gift tag? Who
killed Santa Claus?!

Mary slowly, dramatically, lifts up the gift tag to read it.

SC-02-12-03 - SUSPENSEFUL MUSIC

MARY
 The killer is.....
 (points)
<insert killer name here>.

Everyone gasps and backs away from the killer.

SC-02-12-04 - DRAMATIC MUSIC

KILLER
 Yes! It's true! I killed Santa
 Claus. But it wasn't because
<insert motive revealed earlier>.
 The reason I killed Santa is
 simple, really...

SC-02-12-05 - A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

KILLER
 Murder and bloodshed and mean feral kittens
 Bright shiny chainsaws and bloodstains on mittens
 Choking my victims with colorful strings
 These are a few of my favorite things

Putting some poison in crisp apple strudels
 Beating them senseless with frozen pool noodles
 Stabbing my victims so hard that it stings
 These are a few of my favorite things

Staging the murders to look like car crashes
 Pulling their fingernails and their eyelashes
 Pelting them with rocks I shoot from the slings
 These are a few of my favorite things

When the axe falls
 When the trap springs
 When I'm feeling sad
 I simply remember my favorite things
 And then I don't feel so bad

END OF SONG

After the song someone who isn't the killer (TBD depending on who the killer is) will say...

TBD
 So basically you're fucking insane.

KILLER
 Yeah. Pretty much.

Santa stands up.

SANTA
 Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas!

MARY
Santa! You're alive!

SANTA
Of course I am.

DASH
But how is that possible? You've
been lying there dead for hours!

SANTA
Oh, yeah, no... I'm fine. I just
fell asleep.

Everyone looks at Santa with outrage.

SANTA (CONT'D)
I mean.... It's a Christmas
miracle!

Everyone cheers.

MARY
Well, it's another happy ending to
another Christmas here in Mistletoe
Falls. I guess there's only one
thing left to say.

FELICE
What's that, Mary?

MARY
This year... We're all Mariah
Carey!

*******SLOW SONG**

SC-02-12-06 - ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

MARY
I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you, yeah

*******UPBEAT SONG**

DASH (ALL)
I don't want a lot for Christmas

There is just one thing I need (AND I)

TINSEL

Don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree

JOY (ALL)

I don't need to hang my stocking
There upon the fireplace (AND I)

FELICE

Santa Claus won't make me happy
With a toy on Christmas Day

SANTA

I just want you for my own

MRS. CLAUS

More than you could ever know

ALL

Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you

JACK & SUGAR (ALL)

Oh, I won't ask for much this Christmas
I won't even wish for snow (AND I)

WYNN & OLETTA (ALL)

I'm just gonna keep on waiting
Underneath the mistletoe (AND I)

BOB & DECEMBER

I won't make a list and send it
To the North Pole for Saint Nick

JOY & DASH

I won't even stay awake to
Hear those magic reindeer click

MARY & FELICE

'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so tight

ALL

What more can I do?
Oh, baby, all I want for Christmas is you

MARY

Oh, all the lights are shining so brightly everywhere
And the sound of children's laughter fills the air

DASH

And everyone is singing

I hear those sleigh bells ringing

ALL

Santa, won't you bring me the one I really need?
Won't you please bring my baby to me?

Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for
I just wanna see my baby
Standing right outside my door
Oh, I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
Oh, baby, all I want for Christmas is you

All I want for Christmas is you, baby
All I want for Christmas is you, baby

END OF SONG

*******SLOW SONG**

SC-02-12-07 - THE CHRISTMAS SONG

ALL

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

LADIES

They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh

GUYS

And every mother's child is gonna spy
To see if reindeers really know how to fly

ALL

And so, I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two
Although it's been said many times, many ways
Merry Christmas to you

INSTRUMENTAL (8 MEASURES)

And so, I'm offering this simple phrase
 To kids from one to ninety-two
 Although it's been said many times, many ways
 Merry Christmas to you

END OF SONG

*******UPBEAT SONG**

SC-02-12-08 - THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

LADIES (GUYS)

It's the most wonderful time of the year
 (ding dong ding dong)
 With the kids jingle belling
 And everyone telling you be of good cheer (AH!)
 It's the most wonderful time of the year
 (ding dong ding dong)

GUYS (LADIES)

It's the hap-happiest season of all (ding dong ding dong)
 With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings
 When friends come to call (AH!)
 It's the hap-happiest season of all (ding dong ding dong)

LADIES

There'll be parties for hosting
 Marshmallows for toasting
 And caroling out in the snow

GUYS

There'll be scary ghost stories
 And tales of the glories
 Of Christmases long, long ago

LADIES (GUYS)

It's the most wonderful time of the year
 (ding dong ding dong)
 There'll be much mistltoeing
 And hearts will be glowing
 When loved ones are near

ALL

It's the most wonderful time of the year

LADIES

There'll be parties for hosting
 Marshmallows for toasting
 And caroling out in the snow

GUYS

There'll be scary ghost stories
 And tales of the glories of

Christmases long, long ago

ALL

It's the most wonderful time of the year
There'll be much mistltoeing
And hearts will be glowing
When loved ones are near

LADIES

It's the most wonderful time

GUYS

Yes the most wonderful time

ALL

Oh the most wonderful time
Of the year

END OF SONG

*****BLACKOUT

SC-02-12-09 - CURTAIN CALL MUSIC

*****CURTAIN CALL

After curtain call.

*****PRESHOW

END