

Mystic Music, Melody of Magic

A Children's Holiday Opera in One Act

Scene: various holiday activities in the town of Silverville. A partially decorated large Christmas tree is center upstage. Also present on stage is an oven and baking supplies, and a pop corn popper and supplies for making pop corn strings.

Cast:

All parts may be played by one or more girls and boys

Bakers

Tree Decorators

Pop Corn Poppers

Carolers

Monsters

Wizards

Piano Player [one line; may be spoken by the director]

Opening



SONG: The Holidays are Here!

The holidays are here!
The holidays are here!
All of us in Silverville
Are doing what we can and will
To get us ready for good cheer—
The holidays are here!

Caroler

Wow, all of us really sound so good!

Baker

Yes, this is going to be the most delicious holiday ever!

Tree Decorator

We're going to have such a beautiful time together!

Pop Core Popper

This season is the best seasoning on a wonderful time together!

Everyone

Look at all the things we are doing to get ready!

SONG: This is What We're Doing for the Holidays

Town

This is what we're doing for the holidays. (4 times)

Bakers

We are bakers and we make (4 times)
Cookies children love to take.

Tree Decorators

Get the tree ready, (4 times)
Decorate it, decorate it.

Pop Corn Poppers

Pop, pop-pop-pop. (4 times)
We'll make it 'till we stop.

Carolers

Sing, Fa-la-la, as we (4 times; 1st time move forward and cross to
Practice all our carols. Center Stage; 2nd time cross to SR; 3rd time
go back to CS; 4th time cross to SL. When
finished singing walk back to place.

Monsters

[Enter to DSR]
We are monsters. (4 times. When Carolers turn and cross to

We hate music.
[Exit SR]

SL, Monsters enter to DSR. After 4th time,
exit SR.)

Town

This is what we're doing for the holidays. (4 times)

[Everyone sings their parts 4 times; you can dance; you can give things to the audience;
Carolers can sing to the audience.]

Town

This is what we're doing for the holidays! (Everybody freeze!)

Pop Corn Popper

This is so exciting! The only strings attached are the ones holding the popcorn!

Baker

We're going to have a hot time in town tonight!

Tree Decorator

This will put us on top of the world!

Caroler

We'll be singing praises for our success all year long!

Everyone

There's nothing that can stop us now!

SONG: This is What We're Doing for the Holidays (Reprise)

Town

This is what we're doing for the holidays.

[Repeat as necessary; as they sing, the monsters cross stage, take cookies, take Carolers' music, takes decorations, takes things off the wall, takes popcorn, and as they exit the singing dies out with a groan.]

Tree Decorator

What happened? All the beauty seems to have disappeared.

Baker

Something just devoured all our wonderful stuff.

Caroler

I seem to have lost my voice.

Pop Corn Popper

Our pop-i-ty pop-pop seems to have pooped.

Everyone

What are we going to do now?

No More Music



SONG: No More Music

(move to places when music starts)

No more music, no more music,
Where has music gone? Where has music gone?
Everything is sad when we cannot sing a song.

(look sad)
(hands out; look around)
(hands to heart)

What to do? What to do?

(hands to head; roll body)

Let's go ask the wizards, let's go ask the wizards,
What can be done? What can be done?
If they cannot help us our holiday will not be fun.

(point finger up like you got an idea)

(hands to sides)

We're Off!



SONG: We're off!

Town

[Takes a step forward at the beginning of the song]

We're off to see the wizards—

(one step left, high energy)

Piano Player

No, no! That's not the right one!

Town

Sorry; we forgot!

[Moves back on their line]

We're off, we're off,
To find what we can do.

(one step left; one step right)

One or More

If the wizards help us
Our songs will not be blue.

Town

We're off, we're off,
Here we go.

(one step left; one step right)

(big step left on downbeat, point left)

One or More

Will the wizards help us?

(shoulder shrug; look left, right)

Town

Just watch the show!

(pose and freeze)

Caroler

Where are they?

Pop Corn Popper

I think they're in that cave over there.

Tree Decorator

Are they dangerous?

Baker

I don't think so, but what I've heard is that...

Everyone

They are very powerful!

What Do You Want?



SONG: What Do You Want?

Wizards

(enter on sound; count to 2 before singing. When Wizards enter, Town gets up, slight move to R.)

What do you want?

One or More

We need your help.

Wizards

What has happened?

One or More

The monsters stole our music.

Town

Will you help us?

Wizards

Yes, we will.

Mix Mix



Audience

SONG: Mix Up a Brew

Wizards

[Wizards bring a large Cauldron with “wizardry” stuff from SL; Wizard 1 stirs the cauldron crossing DSL and Wizard 2 moves USR to the left of the cauldron as they sing.]

Mix, mix, mix up a brew;
Fix, fix, fix up a stew!

One or More

(hands eggs to Wizard 1; moves back on “no”)

Will you put in twelve rotten eggs?

Wizards
NO! (Wizard 1 throws eggs to audience on “no”)

One or More (Hands frogs to Wizard 1; moves back on “no”)
Will you put in twelve froggie legs?

Wizards
NO! (frogs to audience)

One or More (hands mice to Wizard 1; moves back on “no”)
Shouldn’t you put in some mice?

Wizards
We’d rather put in something nice!
downbeat) Wizard 1 throws mice to audience on final

Mix, mix, mix up a brew;
Fix, fix, fix up a stew! Wizard 2 hands paddle to Wizard 1; they circle the cauldron)

One or More (hands eye to Wizard 2; moves back on “no”)
Eye of newt?

Wizards
NO!

One or More (hands lizards to Wizard 2; moves back on “no”)
Lizards’ tails?

Wizards
NO!

One or More (hands boot to Wizard 2; moves back on “no”)
Dirty old boot?

Wizards
NO!

One or More (hands snails to Wizard 2; moves back on “no”)
Slimy snails?

Wizards
NO!

Town

Well, then, what will you do? (town hands out to sides, palms forward)

Wizards

We'll make it say "I love you." (all nod on downbeat)

Town and Wizards

Mix, mix, mix up a brew; (Town makes stirring motion and dance 2-step;
Wizards together hold the paddle and stir)

Fix, fix, fix up a stew!
Dwarf's hair simply won't do (everyone brings out dwarf's hair)
For porridge that says "I love you." (all throw hair to audience on downbeat)

Wizards

Mix, mix, mix up a brew; (town leans in to watch wizards)
Fix, fix, fix up a stew!

Town

Add in some tenderness, add in some care, (all stand straight and pretend to add things)

Wizards

YES!

Town

Give it some warmth that our hearts will share;

Wizards

YES!

Town and Wizards

Add in compassion and then our stew
Will finally say "I love you!" (cross arms over heart)
[With the last words, a heart slowly flies out of the cauldron into the sky. As the song ends, the monsters enter from SR.]

Wizards [spoken]

Abracadabra, Silence away!
Bring back our music, forever to stay!
[Pause.]
Abracadabra, Silence away!
Bring back our music, forever to stay!

Town

Why doesn't it work?

Wizards

Oh, yes! The magic song! We forgot! It won't work unless we sing the magic holiday song!

SONG: Mystic Music

Town and Wizards

Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,
Fills the holiday with joy.
Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,
Happy holidays to each girl and boy.

(monsters are confused, hate the sound;
They try to scare the others, but have no effect)

Notes of gladness we now sing,
And good tidings bring.
Happiness is here to stay,
Meanness goes away!

Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,
Fills the holiday with joy.
Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,
Happy holidays to each girl and boy.

(one monster starts to dance; the other stops him!)

Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,

Monsters

We are monsters, we hate music,

(still hate music, but not as much!)

Town and Wizards

Fills the holiday with joy,

Monsters

We are monsters, but the music,
Makes us happy and gives us joy.

(start to enjoy the music)

Everyone!

Notes of gladness we now sing,
And good tidings bring.
Happiness is here to stay,
Meanness goes away!

(monsters bring back the stuff they took)

Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,
Fills the holiday with joy.
Mystic Music, Melody of Magic,
Happy holidays to each girl and boy.

(all freeze looking happy)

SONG: Monsters We

Monsters

Monsters We
Are no more.
You will never
Hear us ROAR.

Music brought
Us life again:
Let the holiday (hold out hands to welcome everyone)
Music begin:

SONG: The Holidays are Here (Reprise)!

[Finale]

Everyone

The holidays are here!
The holidays are here!
All of us in Silverville
Are doing what we can and will
To get us ready for good cheer—
The holidays are here!

THE END

[The music plays one more time for all to take a bow, then leave the stage)



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