

Will Santa Get Shot Down

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for looking at this sample from 'Will Santa Get Shot Down', a unique Christmas musical / play set in 1940. Loosely based on real events, it tells the story of one family's Christmas Eve... spent in a cold, damp air-raid shelter!

TIMING

If you stick exactly to the script, this performance should take around 40-50 minutes. If this is too long or too short for you, suggestions are included as part of the material you receive, which can help shorten or lengthen the production by 10-15 minutes either way.

CAST SIZE

Very flexible. Minimum 6 children. Maximum 100+.

CAST LIST

<i>Part</i>	<i>Details</i>
Geoff	The starring role. (Needn't necessarily be a boy). Three of the songs contain optional solos for him. He also has a lot of lines to learn.
Mum	A main role. Has a few optional solos and a fair number of lines to learn.
Lucy	A main role. Has a few optional solos and a fair number of lines to learn.
Dad	Has several lines to learn.
Toby	Has one optional solo and a few spoken lines.
Understudies	It is highly recommended that you cast understudies for all the above parts, especially Geoff. If you stage more than one performance you could let the understudies take centre stage for at least one show, so that all their hard work hasn't been in vain.
Narrator/s	There are eight passages in the script marked as narrator/s. As some of these are very long, you can easily split them up so that as many as 50 extra children could have speaking parts.
Optional Extras	This section of the cast list (included within the purchased publication) provides several ideas for easily adding extra roles for dozens more children.

Will Santa Get Shot Down: SCRIPT

(SAMPLE VERSION)

INTRODUCTION *(The stage is dark. Then one spotlight shines on Geoff centre-stage)*

GEOFF *(Addressing the audience)* Hello everyone, my name's Geoff. This is the story of what happened to me and my family on Christmas Eve 1940, the year after the Second World War started, the year when the Germans started bombing our towns and cities.

SONG 1 **Christmas Boogie-Woogie**

SCENE 1 *(Set in Geoff's kitchen. His mother is preparing food. Geoff and his older sister are sitting at the kitchen table. Lucy is reading a book, Geoff is daydreaming)*

NARRATOR/S Welcome to Geoff's home. Do come in. This is where Geoff lives with his mum, dad and older sister.
It's Christmas Eve 1940 and Geoff's mum is busy getting Christmas dinner ready for tomorrow.
That's Geoff's big sister Lucy. She's always got her head buried in a book. Geoff's mum says that she lives in her books and only comes back to reality when it suits her.
And finally, there's Geoff's dad, who's an air-raid warden. He's around the back of the house, pumping water out of the air-raid shelter, which is flooded, yet again. 'Be prepared', is what he always says.

MUM Geoff, pass me that spoon, will you?

GEOFF WOW! Mince pies! Can I have one please, please, please, please, please, please? *(Geoff goes to take one. Mum smacks his hand away)*

MUM They're for tomorrow. Now why don't you go and help your dad?

GEOFF Because it's boring.

MUM Well follow your sister's example and read a book then.

GEOFF Don't feel like it.

MUM Do as you please then, but don't get in my way. *(Geoff pulls a face at Lucy. Oblivious, she carries on reading. Geoff sighs and puts his head in his hands on the table)*

GEOFF I'M SO BORED. *(Mum and Lucy ignore this and carry on cooking / reading. Then Geoff spies an open jar of raisins on the table). Mmmm... raisins! (He picks one up and eats it, then takes another and mischievously throws it at Lucy. Lucy looks up and gives Geoff a hard stare. Geoff looks back innocently. Lucy goes back to her reading. Geoff throws another raisin and...)*

LUCY RIGHT! *(Lucy slams the book down and starts chasing Geoff around the table)*
COME HERE YOU! WHEN I GET HOLD OF YOU, YOU'VE HAD IT!
(Geoff laughs and pulls a face at her while still running)

MUM Okay you two, stop it right now. *(Just then Dad puts his head in and shouts excitedly...)*

DAD IT'S SNOWING! *(Geoff and Lucy instantly seem to forget all that has just happened, and with beaming smiles on their faces, cheer and run after their dad into the back garden)*

SCENE 2 *(Geoff and Lucy outside in the snow)*

SONG 2 It's Snow Fun

LUCY *(Laughing)* STOP! STOP! That one went down my back! It's freezing!
(Despite this, Geoff, who's laughing as well, chases her with a snowball. He stops when she runs in the house. Geoff is left alone on stage for a moment and then a boy enters at the edge of the stage and starts making snowballs...)

GEOFF Oh no! It's Toby. Oh... I'll just ignore him and see if he goes away.

NARRATOR/S Geoff and Toby didn't get on. Toby was staying across the road with his grandparents because a bomb had landed in his own garden the previous week and had blown off the back of his house. Toby hadn't been hurt, but his Mum and Dad both were. They'd been taken into hospital, but they were both expected to make a full recovery.

Geoff had tried to make friends with Toby, but all they ever ended up doing was fighting with each other! For instance, they had both been in Toby's gran's garden a few days earlier, looking for insects, when Toby had put a spider down Geoff's back! In return Geoff had put a worm down Toby's back, and before long, they were knocking seven bells out of each other! Geoff's mum had told Geoff that he'd been through a lot, and it was his way of dealing with it.

GEOFF *(Suddenly addressing the audience with an angry look on his face)* Well, if he does anything like that again, I'll help him deal with it alright! *(He punches his hands together)*

TOBY GEOFF! Get a load of this! *(Toby suddenly starts throwing a volley of snowballs at Geoff who starts screaming with pain)*

GEOFF HEY, THEY'VE GOT STONES IN! RIGHT, YOU'VE ASKED FOR IT NOW! *(Toby runs off. Geoff is about to chase him when his mum shouts)*

MUM GEOFFREY, GET HERE THIS MINUTE! *(Geoff walks sullenly towards his mother)* Before you say anything, I saw what happened, I'll talk to his Gran later, but if you'd have chased after him and started fighting with him, would that have solved anything?

GEOFF *(Looking at his shoes)* No Mum.

MUM Now I want you to promise me something. Next time you see Toby, you forget about this, you make friends with him, and you stay friends with him.

GEOFF But Mum....

MUM No 'buts' Geoff, I want you to promise.

GEOFF Alright.

MUM Good. It's time to come in now anyway. You need to have your supper and hang up the stockings for Father Christmas.

GEOFF *(Running in excitedly...)* YEAH!!

SCENE 3 *(In the family living room)*

NARRATOR/S Geoff and Lucy warmed themselves up by the fireplace, before having their supper of corned beef sandwiches, with a hot cup of tea. Then, they carefully hung their stockings by the fireplace ready for Santa to call. Geoff left a mince pie for him along with a glass of something nice! He also left a carrot for Rudolph. Then Geoff started to write a letter to Santa. *(Geoff sits down and starts to write)* It said...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would really like some new toy soldiers. All my old ones are a bit battered and broken now because I've played with them so much.
I'd also really like some sweets, a cricket ball and cricket bat and what I'd really, really like is a banana, because I've never had one and my dad says they taste amazing!
Thanks.
Yours sincerely,
Geoffrey.

(Geoff folds up the paper and places it next to the stockings left for Santa, while saying his next lines)

GEOFF Mum? Dad?

MUM & DAD *(In unison) Mmmm?*

GEOFF Do you think Santa will be alright tonight? *(Mum, Dad and Lucy all stop what they're doing and look at Geoff quizzically)*

DAD What on earth do you mean?

GEOFF Well I was thinking you see. What if the Germans decide to attack tonight? Do you think Santa will still try and get through? Oh, my... will... will Santa get shot down? What if he gets hurt? WHAT ABOUT THE REINDEER?

DAD I can guarantee you Geoff that no matter what may, or may not happen tonight, in this, or in any other part of the world, Santa will always get through. And he won't get shot down, his magic will see to that.

MUM Absolutely right! *(Geoff looks relieved and smiles)*. All you need to worry about son is whether you've been a good boy or not this year. *(Geoff suddenly stares at the audience with a very worried looking face)*.

GEOFF OH NO!

SONG 3 **Run Rudolph Run** *(Geoff can sing all or part of this song as a solo if required)*
