

## STS Nativity Play

- Narrator            Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, 2006 years, and 8 months to be exact, Mary and Joseph were having relationship troubles.
- Joseph             So you want me to believe that you have been completely faithful, and that the baby you are carrying is the "Gift of God"? Do I look completely stupid to you? Do I look like someone who might go to Three Towns? Does my Birth Certificate say yesterday on it?
- Mary                I'm telling you I've been completely faithful. I would not dare cheat on you. I love you far too much.
- Joseph             Oh Puh-lease! You couldn't wait to go around cheapening yourself. I even saw you at last years Bible Characters Christmas Party - how the hell that works I'm not sure - cosyng-up to Noah.
- Mary                Noah's a good friend! He was informing me all about wildlife, and their dangers. He claims that if you got hit in the right place, even a Sting Ray could kill you!
- Joseph             Oh, as if that would ever happen!
- Narrator            So things were not exactly 'rosey' for the less-than-happy couple, but after some advice from 'Dear Miriam', Joseph decided to stand-by his wife. Probably because he was that ugly he could not possibly get anyone else. Joseph even made Andrew Lloyd Webber look good! Anyway, what do most expectant families do just before they give birth? That's right, they decided to move!
- Mary                I told you, the turning we wanted was back there. But you would not listen to me would you? Oh no! Because your G.P.S. knows best!
- Joseph             And what's not to trust about a G.P.S. called North Star? It sounds so 'trusting'. And besides, it got us to Alton Towers okay didn't it?
- Mary                Oh yeah! Two hours longer than most people get there... walking!!!

Joseph                    There's no pleasing some people. 'Small Trip Services', or STS as they are more commonly known, got us a great deal on that holiday! And all you can do is whinge!

Mary                        Dry sheets. No rats. No stupid ghost stunts... I don't think it was that much to ask for from a holiday. Although I must admit the toast was rather special!

Narrator                   They argued, drove, got lost, drove further still, and argued that little bit more. By the time they got to Bethlehem they wasn't even be bothered that it was a hell-hole and decided to find a spot to stay for the night.

Joseph                    Excuse me. You wouldn't happen to have a room for me and my wife for tonight would you?

Inn Keeper                Night before Christmas? Are you having a laugh?

Mary                        Oh, let's just go home!

Joseph                    WE'RE LOST!! If we knew the way home we would not have a problem! Silly cow!

Inn Keeper                I do have a shed if you want to stay there?

Mary                        Do I look like a Donkey to you??!!

Inn Keeper                It's probably best if I don't answer that question, darlin'.

Joseph                    I'm like a Donkey aren't I?

Mary                        It's probably best if I don't answer that question, darlin'.

Narrator                   So with a place to rest, and a baby due, Mary and Joseph settled in for the night.

Joseph                    I can't get a signal on this TV for love nor money, and the Royal Variety Show is on tonight. Apparently Stage Theatre are performing snippets from their amazing production Back to the 80's which opens at The Brook Theatre in February. Tickets £8.50. concessions £7.00. Box office number is 01634 338338 and tickets are on sale now.

Narrator                   Never miss an opportunity to plug a show!

Mary                        Excuse me!! A lady over here is having a baby!

Joseph                    You got this far without me, I'm sure a couple of hours more wont hurt!!

Wise Man 2 This is Kevin, I'm Martin, and this is Paul.

Wise Man 3 Has Aladin been through here?

Wise Man 1 Ignore him, he sometimes forgets what story he's in from time-to-time.

Mary Well, thank you for popping by. No doubt word spread to you guys as well, huh?

Wise Man 2 Word spreads quickly, especially as someone has cast the message on Stage Theatre's message board. And with over 3000 hits to-date, it's no wonder! You too can visit the site at [www.stagetheatresociety.co.uk](http://www.stagetheatresociety.co.uk).

Mary Is there nothing you guys will not plug in this nativity?

Wise Man 1 A new baby is the beginning of life, and will really open your eyes up to a whole new world.

Wise Man 3 *(Singing - BADLY!)* I can show you the world, shinning shimmering splendid...

Joseph Yes, thank you!! With a voice like that have you ever thought of joining The Kentish Players?

Wise Man 1 We have brought your baby some gifts, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Wise Man 2 So what have you decided to call your little baby girl?

Mary Firstly, it's a boy, and secondly, I was kind of keen on the name Richard.

Wise Man 1 That's a fantastic idea. And I should know because I'm a Wise Man.

Joseph Well, I think Daniel is a better option. And I should know because I'm a Carpenter.

Wise Man 3 Really, go on then, sing a bit of 'Top of the World'.

Joseph Oh, Jesus Christ!

Wise Man 2 Now that is a superb name!

Narrator And with that, the baby was named Jesus Christ. Although personally, I preferred 'Richard' but hey-ho! The three Wise Men left, after Martin ate the Donna Kebab of course, and left the new family to their own devices. Fed-up with not getting a

Narrator Now, in any town you get your nose-uggers, and Bethlehem had its fair share. 3 to be exact. I cannot remember their names, so for arguments sake lets call them Lorraine, Carolyn and Naomi. They also went by the name 'Shepherds'.

Joseph *(To Narrator)* Why were they Shepherds?

Narrator Because they flock everything up!

Shepherd 1 Alright?

Mary Oh, never better! I've only just given birth to a 9lb 4oz baby boy without any anaesthetic but other than that...

Shepherd 1 Ow, Jesus Christ!

Joseph You think that's bad. Last week, I had a cold and I had to make my own Tomato Soup.

Shepherd 2 We've brought you some presents, as word spreads quickly in these parts, that you were going to have a baby.

Joseph Oh fantastic! It's like Christmas and Birthday all rolled into one around here.

Shepherd 3 We've brought you some Argos Gift Vouchers, a Donna Kebab, and 3 tickets for Stage Theatres excellent new musical 'Back to the 80's' which opens at The Brook Theatre in February. Tickets £8.50, concessions...

Mary Yes, yes, yes. The show's already been plugged!

Joseph Well look, thanks for popping around, but as you can imagine, fatigue has set in and it's probably best if rest takes over now.

Mary Aww, that's so sweet to think of me like that.

Joseph What the hell are you tired for as well, you've just been lying on your back for the past 2 hours!!

Narrator So with the little bubba born, sleep set in on the little shed, that is until the three Wise Men decided to pop in! For those of you in the know about these things know that an Angel should be on at this point, but we had a problem with casting and couldn't find anyone convincing enough to play an Angel!

Wise Man 1 Hello. We're the three Wise Men.

Joseph Shut the door, mate. What, was you born in a barn?

signal on the TV, Joseph plugged the DVD player in and watched 'Cinderella', 'Bring It On - LIVE' and 'Fame - The Musical' all produced by Stage Theatre, which by the way are still on sale from Dan! The next morning, they travelled to their new house on Skid Row.

Joseph

Well, what do you think?

Mary

It's lovely! Our first real proper home as a family. A new start, a fresh beginning, a new chapter in our lives! What do you think will be in store for us?

Joseph

Our life is going to be special, told time and time again, Little JC will be the envy of every person in the world, King's will bow down to him, people will follow him, people will love him, trust him, he will spread joy in the world, and keep hopes alive, and do you know why?

Mary

Go on...

Joseph

Because we will send him to Stage Theatre Society.

Narrator

Now you may have realised that this Nativity was slightly biased. And if we are led to believe that the Titanic collided with an Iceberg because the two people keeping watch-out was too busy watching a couple petting, then this could be what REALLY happened when Jesus Christ was born. Whether you choose to believe our version or not, we all wish you and your families the most wonderful Christmas, and a superb New Year. Enjoy the rest of your party, and we will see you in the New Year.

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