

# A BRAND NEW STAR £40.00

A simple Nativity Play for AGES 5-11 You get: Editable script, audio (with vocals & backing tracks), piano score, Powerpoint, and free licence.

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## LIST OF SONGS

- 1) **MARY, WE HAVE TO MAKE A JOURNEY**  
(Joseph solo, choir)
- 2) **YOU ARE A FRIEND, GENTLE DONKEY** (Choir)
- 3) **SOMEWHERE TO STAY**  
(Choir)
- 4) **THERE WERE SHEPHERDS** (Choir and solo by angel)
- 5) **BRAND NEW STAR**  
(Choir)
- 6) **SOMETHING ON MY MIND** (Herod solo, choir)
- 7) **THREE KINGS' SONG**  
(3 Kings in unison, choir)
- 8) **SLEEP, WONDERFUL BABY** (Joseph solo, Mary solo, and choir)
- 9) **Finale: BRAND NEW STAR** (repeated, sung by all)



## Cast:

Narrators  
Mary  
Joseph  
Messenger  
Angel  
Angel 2  
Angel 3  
Angel 4  
Shepherd 1  
Shepherd 2  
Shepherd 3 (Non speaking)  
Shepherd 4 (Non-speaking)  
Innkeeper  
Herod  
3 Wise Men  
Children bearing gifts  
Singers/Choir

"A Brand New Star" is a really delightful traditional Nativity play for primary school children, with eight modern catchy songs. The script is concise and easy to learn, with plenty of narration to ease continuity, reduce prompting, and aid understanding. The attractive original songs are popular and simple to learn. No musical ability is needed - just sing along to the backing tracks if no pianist is available. Schools sometimes use "A Brand New Star" as a basis for class music lessons as Christmas approaches, culminating in a brilliant end-of-term presentation for parents. With a running time of approximately 30 minutes, it is ideal as a special morning assembly, or it can easily be extended by adding your own selection of Christmas songs.

"A Brand New Star" has been performed by whole school casts. It needs at least 15 players to be viable. Schools across the world have performed it with great enjoyment. The play comes as a script with CD and includes a basic score. It is also available as an instant download. The price includes a free performance licence for schools.

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**A Brand New Star SCRIPT SAMPLE**

Narrator: A long time ago in a town called Nazareth there lived a young woman called Mary and a young carpenter called Joseph. They loved each other very much.

*(Enter Mary and Joseph, walking across stage. Mary sits on stool. Joseph exits)*

Narrator: One day an angel appeared to Mary.

*(Enter angel, standing in front of Mary)*

Angel 1

Mary, you are the chosen one. Soon you will have a baby boy. He will be very special. He will be the Son of God and you must call him Jesus. *(Exit angel and Mary)*

Narrator:

Soon after the angel's visit, Herod, the ruler of the land, gave an order.

*(Enter messenger)*

Messenger: By order of the emperor, everyone must return to the place they were born to pay a special tax. *(Exit messenger)*

Narrator:

Joseph was worried. He was born in a place called Bethlehem. It was a long way away and Mary's baby was due any time. Joseph and Mary knew they had to go and they prepared for the journey.

*(Enter Joseph and Mary preparing things)*

**\*\*\*\* SONG 1: MARY, WE HAVE TO MAKE A JOURNEY \*\*\***

Narrator: Mary rode to Bethlehem on a donkey, with Joseph walking by her side. Remember, Mary was about to have a baby, so it was a very long dangerous journey. Mary and Joseph were very grateful to their faithful donkey who carried Mary so bravely and so carefully.

**\*\*\*\* SONG 2 YOU ARE A FRIEND, GENTLE DONKEY \*\*\*\***

Narrator: It took many days to reach Bethlehem. When they arrived, Mary was very tired. They needed to find somewhere to stay, but the town was crowded with lots of other travellers and every inn they went to was full.

**\*\*\*\*\* SONG 3 LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO STAY \*\*\*\*\***

Narrator: Eventually, seeing how tired they both looked, one kind innkeeper took pity on them *(Enter Inn Keeper)*

Inn Keeper: I have no room at the inn but you can stay in the stable where I keep my animals. It is dry and warm.

Narrator: Mary and Joseph thanked him and were shown to the stable.

*(Mary, Joseph and inn keeper walk across stage going out of one door and in the other. Meanwhile, the stage is set for stable e.g. manger and stools are put on stage)*

Narrator:

During the night Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger full of hay.

*(Mary cuddles baby, wraps him in cloth and then places him in the manger.)*

*(Enter 4 shepherds watching sheep - other side of stage.)*

Narrator: Nearby on a hillside overlooking the town some shepherds were watching over their sheep. As they did so a very bright light came into the sky.

*(Enter angel)* The light was an angel sent by God.

Angel 2: Do not to be afraid. I have good news. The Son of God has been born. You will find him in a stable in Bethlehem.

**\*\*\*\*\* SONG 4: THERE WERE SHEPHERDS \*\*\*\*\***

*(Exit angel)*

Narrator: The shepherds were excited and went to Bethlehem to find Jesus.

*(Shepherds exit stage, walk round, and enter other side)*

When they found Jesus they were filled with joy. They told Mary and Joseph about the angel in the sky.

Shepherd 1: This must be the Son of God.

Shepherd 2: The angel told us he will be the Saviour of the world. □

*(Enter Wise men -other side of stage- pointing at a star)*

Narrator: A long way away in the East three wise kings who studied the stars saw a new very bright star shining in the sky. They knew that this meant a great ruler had been born.

**END OF SCRIPT SAMPLE**