

[At the end of the song, the time machine rocks a little and settles down. Much to their surprise, they find themselves in the heart of Africa where the heat is unbearable. They sit in the machine wiping sweat from their foreheads and swatting away the flies. TICK and TOCK step forward to speak.]

TICK: Pop hoped this trip he wouldn't bungle,
but they landed in a hot African jungle!

TOCK: They saw a historic moment that was from the past,
when Stanley found the great missionary Livingstone at long last.

[STANLEY enters from the opposite side of the time machine. POP gets out of the time machine and approaches him.]

POP: *[taking off his goggles]* Excuse me sir. Where are we, and who are you?

STANLEY: We're in Africa, my good man. I'm Stanley, and I've come in search of Dr. Livingstone.
Here we are in 1871, and still no sign of him.

[DR. LIVINGSTONE enters from the other side.]

POP: *[pointing toward Dr. Livingstone]* Is that him?

STANLEY: My word, I think it is! *[walking toward Dr. Livingstone, they meet center stage]* Dr. Livingstone, I presume?


DR. LIVINGSTONE: *[walking with a cane and appearing sickly, reaches to shake hands with Stanley]* Yes, it is I. Who are you?

[STANLEY helps DR. LIVINGSTONE to walk off stage (or re-join the Choir).]

JENNY: *[calling from the time machine]* Pop, we're in the wrong time and place!

RACHEL: Well, at least we're not barking or meowing.

POP: Sit tight, and I'll recalculate our course!

[POP runs back to the time machine and begins typing in course alterations.  The time machine rumbles and lights blink. Lights off on the time machine.]

TICK: Despite this failed attempt they still were committed
to stay on board till Pop actually did it.

TOCK: The night was clear, the stars were bright,
they were about to see a wondrous sight!

TICK: This time they landed in days of old,
where they witnessed the "Greatest Story Ever Told!"

[The time machine is again illuminated and they all step out in total amazement.]

POP: Look around you at the beautiful hills and cool serene night.

JENNY: I see it, Pop, but I was hoping you messed up again and we landed in Disneyworld.

POP: Oh, this is much better! You're in Bethlehem at the time of our Savior's birth. This is where you're going to discover the true Spirit of Christmas.

[Simultaneously]

NATHAN: Wow!

JENNY: This is amazing!

RACHEL: It's so beautiful!

RACHEL: Look, Pop, look! Jesus – asleep in the manger.

[During the singing of "Joy, Joy, Joy" POP, NATHAN, JENNY and RACHEL approach the manger and pay homage to Jesus.]

JOY, JOY, JOY!

Mr. Pfister, Nathan, Jenny, Rachel
and cast members at the manger scene

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With joyful reverence (♩ = ca. 116)

ACCOMP. *mf*

4 **ALL** **5** *mf*

1. Wel-come friends from near and far.____ Come, be-hold the
2. What a grand and glo-rious day____ to ar-rive here;

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bril-liant star,____ shin-ing on the ho-ly Boy.____ Now, let us sing a song of joy!_
we must say!____ God has sent His on-ly Son.____ Now, let us meet the Cho-sen One!_

12 **13** *

We're sing-ing joy, joy,____ joy____ to the world! Our Lord has____

* Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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come. Let earth re - ceive her King, re - ceive her

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King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him

24

room; and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture

cresc. poco a poco

28

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing!

f

33

na - ture sing!

f

f

ff

NATHAN: It's amazing Pop! All of the Sunday School lessons that I learned have suddenly come to life.

POP: God sent His Son to change the world, and us, when we believe. After Jesus' time on earth was finished, God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. The Holy Spirit can help us to keep the Spirit of Christmas all year.

RACHEL: Yes, I learned in church that the Holy Spirit is with us all the time, blessing us with love, peace, and joy.

POP: Those are called "the fruits of the Spirit."

JENNY: So we can keep the Spirit of Christmas, even after all the decorations have been taken down.

POP: That's right Jenny. God's true peace can be with us always.

NATHAN: Well Pop, you did it. Our mission has been accomplished...but now... how do we get home?

POP: No problem. I'll just put the machine in reverse!

JENNY: Since it all worked out great, can't we make a quick stop in Disneyworld?

[The other three look at her in disbelief.]

**POP, NATHAN
& RACHEL:** *[together]* Uh....NO!

[TICK and TOCK step forward. POP, RACHEL, NATHAN and JENNY address the audience directly with TICK and TOCK.]

TICK: The time machine was now homeward bound,
TOCK: and soon they all arrived home, safe and sound.

NATHAN: After seeing the manger and beholding the light,
we witnessed the truth of that holy night.

JENNY: We all know that Bethlehem is a special place,
RACHEL: but there's no need to travel through time and space.

POP: Even if you can't really hear it,
remember the truth of the real Christmas Spirit.

TICK: And whenever we can't find reason or rhyme,
TOCK: remember God sent Jesus at just the right time.

**POP, NATHAN, JENNY,
& RACHEL:** As we say goodbye and go on our way,

**POP, NATHAN, JENNY, RACHEL,
& CHOIR:** let's keep the Christmas Spirit in our hearts every day!

[Entire Cast and Chorus step forward to sing "Now Is the Time to Sing!"]