

CAST LIST FOR 'THE PERFECT PRESENT' KS1

PANTOMIME CHARACTERS...

Arthur

Alice

Holly

Molly

Barbara

Prince

Bert

Dame

Stan

Blind mouse 1

Blind mouse 2

Blind mouse 3

Witch

Ivor

Angel Gabriel

Additional angels

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Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Narrator 3

Narrator 4

Narrator 5

Narrator 6

Narrator 7

Narrator 8

Narrator 9

Narrator 10

Narrator 11

NATIVITY CHARACTERS...

Mary

Joseph

Donkey

Innkeeper 1

Innkeeper 2

Innkeeper 3

Shepherd 1

Shepherd 2

Shepherd 3

Wise man 1

Wise man 2

Wise man 3

Narrator 12

Narrator 13

Narrator 14

Narrator 15

Narrator 16

A pupil or member of staff could read all the narration parts to provide greater continuity.

Additional characters

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THE PERFECT PRESENT - KEY STAGE 1

SCRIPT

(On stage are two children and a Christmas tree with lots of presents underneath.)

Narrator 1 Arthur and Alice liked to fight.
They fought all day and into the night.

One Christmas Eve they found a box
It did not feel like books or socks.

They shook it, poked it, sniffed it hard
It had no name, no Christmas card.

Narrator 2 They looked at each other, then Alice said
"It must be for me, it's all in red."

Arthur yelled, "It's not for you,
Just because it's not in blue."

SONG 1 I'VE GOT MORE THAN YOU. (CD tracks 1/15)

Narrator 3 On and on they fought, until
A sudden noise made them stand still.

For into the room three fairies came
All looking lovely, none the same.

Alice and Arthur stared for a while
Until one of the fairies spoke with a smile.

Molly Hello Alice and Arthur. I am Molly, your fairy godmother. I am kind, caring and full of hope.

Holly Hello. I am Holly, your second fairy godmother. I am wise, good and full of peace.

Barbara Hi! I am Barbara, your third fairy godmother. I am fun, happy and full of joy.

Arthur Your name is Barbara?

Barbara Yes. Nice to meet you.

Molly We have come to send you on a magical journey.

Holly You need to learn how to help others, instead of just yourselves.

Barbara And you need to have fun.

Molly Christmas is about loving others and giving to them.

Holly Christmas is about something bigger, more important than gifts.

Barbara And Christmas is about having fun.

SONG 2 CHRISTMAS IS GIVING TO ONE ANOTHER *Sung by fairies. (CD tracks 2/16)* *(Additional fairies could also come on and dance.)*

Molly Now close your eyes and hold on tight.

Holly And soon we will be out of sight.

Barbara Be brave, be true, have fun all night.

(The children close their eyes and both hold onto the present. Barbara blows some fairy glitter in their faces then the three fairies leave stage.)

Narrator 4 Arthur and Alice closed their eyes
And waited for their next surprise.

 The fairies glided, off they flew
The children's fears, they grew and grew.

Narrator 5 They heard a noise like stamping feet
And both grew scared of what they'd meet.

 They looked around and saw with surprise
A sight that made them rub their eyes.

 They saw a prince with a golden crown
They saw his servant with a frown.

Bert Stop! Who goes there?

Arthur I'm Arthur and this is my sister, Alice.

Prince Nice to meet you both.

(He goes to shake their hands but Bert the servant stops him.)

Bert Careful my lord, they could be spies of the witch.

Prince I am not afraid of two little children Bert, even if she did send them. I am brave and strong and fearless.

SONG 3 **I AM A COURAGEOUS PRINCE.** *Prince solo. (CD tracks 3/17) (Other children could come on dressed as knights and soldiers and act out a pretend sword fight.)*

Arthur That was brilliant. I love swords.

Prince I would not be carrying a sword unless I had to. A bad witch came and took away the princess I was going to marry.

Bert She's locked up somewhere and we're trying to find her.

Prince She told me I had to look for a clue, that two strangers would help me. I don't suppose that's you two is it?

Narrator 6 Alice and Arthur shrugged and thought.
Could the clue be in the box they'd brought?

Alice I'LL open the box and see. There's probably nothing in there for you.

Arthur I want to open it.

Alice No me. I said first.

(Alice opens the gift as Arthur sulks.)

Narrator 6 She tore the paper, they looked inside.
Both looked angry, Arthur sighed.

(Arthur takes a smaller box out.)

Arthur It's just another box.

Alice Wait. In the bottom is a key and a note.

Prince *(Takes the note)* "If you want to win her back
Go through the wood and leave the track.
Find a tower, tall and strong
Knock three times, then sing a song.
You must sing a song of woe
Then you must play tic-tac-toe.
Use the key but wear a glove
Then you will win back your love.

Arthur I don't believe it.

Prince This is the clue. Oh thank you, I shall be able to find her and marry her. To repay you I will tell you a story.

(The children and Bert sit as the prince tells his story. As he tells it the music of 'LITTLE DONKEY' plays gently - Mary and Joseph walk on stage. Alternatively the song 'IT'S BEEN A LONG AND DUSTY ROAD' could be sung after the prince tells his story)

SONG 4 **LITTLE DONKEY.** *Music plays behind the prince's narration. (CD tracks 4/18)*
IT'S BEEN A LONG AND DUSTY ROAD. *Extra song if needed. (CD tracks 14/28)*

Prince A long time ago there was a girl called Mary. An angel told her she would have a special baby, a miracle, and would call him Jesus. He would be a king. Many months later, Mary and her husband Joseph travelled very far on a donkey, to Bethlehem, so they could pay their taxes. Mary was very tired and was due to have her baby very soon.

Narrator 7 The prince then stood and waved goodbye
Which made the children want to cry.

Prince We must be on our way. Thank you both, you have helped me so much.

(They all stand and shake hands.)

Narrator 7 Arthur and Alice thought and then sat
Wondering what to think about that.

They didn't think long, for out of the blue
Appeared a witch - She's behind you!

(Audience participation - "she's behind you.")

Alice What do you mean? Who is behind us?

(Audience - "the witch" etc. The witch to turn right as the children look left.)

Arthur There's no-one there.

(Audience "she's behind you" etc. The witch to turn left as the children look right.)

Narrator 8 The witch tried to steal the present away
But stopped when the children yelled out "Hey!"
She ran and she hid, then a noise filled the air.

Dame Hellloooooooooooooo!!

Narrator 8 The children jumped up, the noise gave them a scare.

(Dame walks on.)

Dame I said, Hellloooooooooooooo!!

Alice Hi.