

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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CAST:

NOELLE (female – age 15-16): a student trying desperately to cram for finals

CAROL (female age 10-12): Her younger, Christmas-crazed sister.

MADRIGAL (female age 10-12): An even younger Christmas-crazed sister

SETTING: A room in a home – any room that is a community room. All you need is a desk and a chair and an optional, small plastic Christmas tree.

AT RISE, NOELLE is immersed in textbooks and studying. All is quiet when suddenly from offstage we hear this loud Christmas CAROL being sung. NOELLE listens for a minute and then she has "had it."

NOELLE

Carol. CAROL!

CAROL

(Entering) What, Noelle?

NOELLE

I'm trying to study! Quiet down!

(Next we hear MADRIGAL singing SILENT NIGHT very loudly.)

NOELLE

Madrigal! MADRIGAL!

MADRIGAL

Yes?

NOELLE

It's *SILENT* Night. Do you understand the meaning of "Silent?" Please sing silently!

MADRIGAL

I can't. I like Christmas too much. It's bursting out of me.

(MADRIGAL goes off singing (loudly) another Christmas Carol. She enters with CAROL. They may have a small artificial tree. They sing O CHRISTMAS TREE.)

NOELLE

I know your names are Carol and Madrigal - but I am studying for finals.

(CAROL sings again - loudly)

MADRIGAL

Just ignore us. (*She joins in with CAROL.*)

NOELLE

I appreciate that you love music – but I have to get this physics done. Be quiet!

(Slowly they start singing JINGLE BELLS and it builds and it builds until -)

NOELLE

STOP!!!! If you don't go away, I will bound and gag you to keep you quiet.

CAROL

That's child endangerment. You don't want to go there. What a Scrooge!

MADRIGAL

You have no Christmas spirit!

NOELLE

I love Christmas. I love singing carols. I love Christmas trees, the cookies - I love it all!
But Christmas is over! It's May! Go out and celebrate spring! Even the department stores have taken Christmas down.

CAROL

Never fear! The Christmas decorations will be back in the mall in the next few weeks!
Right next to the 4th of July fireworks. Merry Christmas!

*(And CAROL and MADRIGAL exit singing We Wish You a Merry Christmas.
NOELLE slumps over her books and looks up.)*

NOELLE

(SINGING IT)

... and a Happy New Year!

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End of play -