

Audition Script for Joseph The Carpenter

JOSEPH is your "everyman" character. Almost any *All-American* hard working macho-type will do. (Joseph was a carpenter.) Joseph sleeps through his part, however, his snoring and a moment of waking up, indicates he actually hears what is the angel is saying.

(**MUSIC** begins as Joseph comes on stage, sets construction looking lunch bucket and tools etc down on floor, stretches out on a cot placed by the stage hands and falls fast asleep.

Minstrels sing *He works hard for the money, so hard for you honey!"* (In between snores)"

Then, upon seeing Gabe, turn serious again. Minstrels recite from Matthew 1:18-20a. Toward end of reading, Gabe comes out to Joseph.)

Minstrels (A serious delivery) *"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said...*

Gabe (**MUSIC** STOPS. Leaning over into Joseph's ear, while he is snoring) Joseph, hey Joe, (Gabe Freezes)

Minstrels

Minstrels break into full song with the band from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat...

Go Go Go Joseph you know what they say, hang on now Joseph you'll make it someday etc...

Gabe chases the minstrels off

Gabe

(Realizing he is not going to wake up, Gabe unrolls a small scroll and reads) Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her, is from the Holy Spirit.

(Joseph lets out a big snort. Gabe backs off, startled, looks up to heaven – he is talking into his Secret Agent Ear Microphone – presses with his middle finger)

Oh man, I mean, Chief, this is not going to work. This guy is not going to buy into this idea. (Pauses, waiting for God's answer and continues) "Ok.."

She will give birth to a son and you will call his name (rather loud) JESUS!...

Joseph

(On the word Jesus, he lets out a big snort and sits straight up. Gabe sneaks backwards off the stage—keeping his eye on Joseph the whole time.)

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Jesus!?! Where in the world did that name come from? (Holding head with one hand) I have got to quit eating late at night... those Mediterranean sardines with extra garlic do a number on me... Jesus? (More convinced) Jesus! Yeah I like it. (Understanding) And Mary will have a baby right away. (Shocked) Right away? (Hops up-says to audience) "I'm gonna be a DAD! I gotta go pick up a crib...no wait - I'm a carpenter

Minstrels sing *"On the day that you were born, the Angels got together , and decided to create a dream come true!*

Joseph Not THAT kind of Carpenter!... Hey, I gotta get some wood, I need to make some baby furniture!