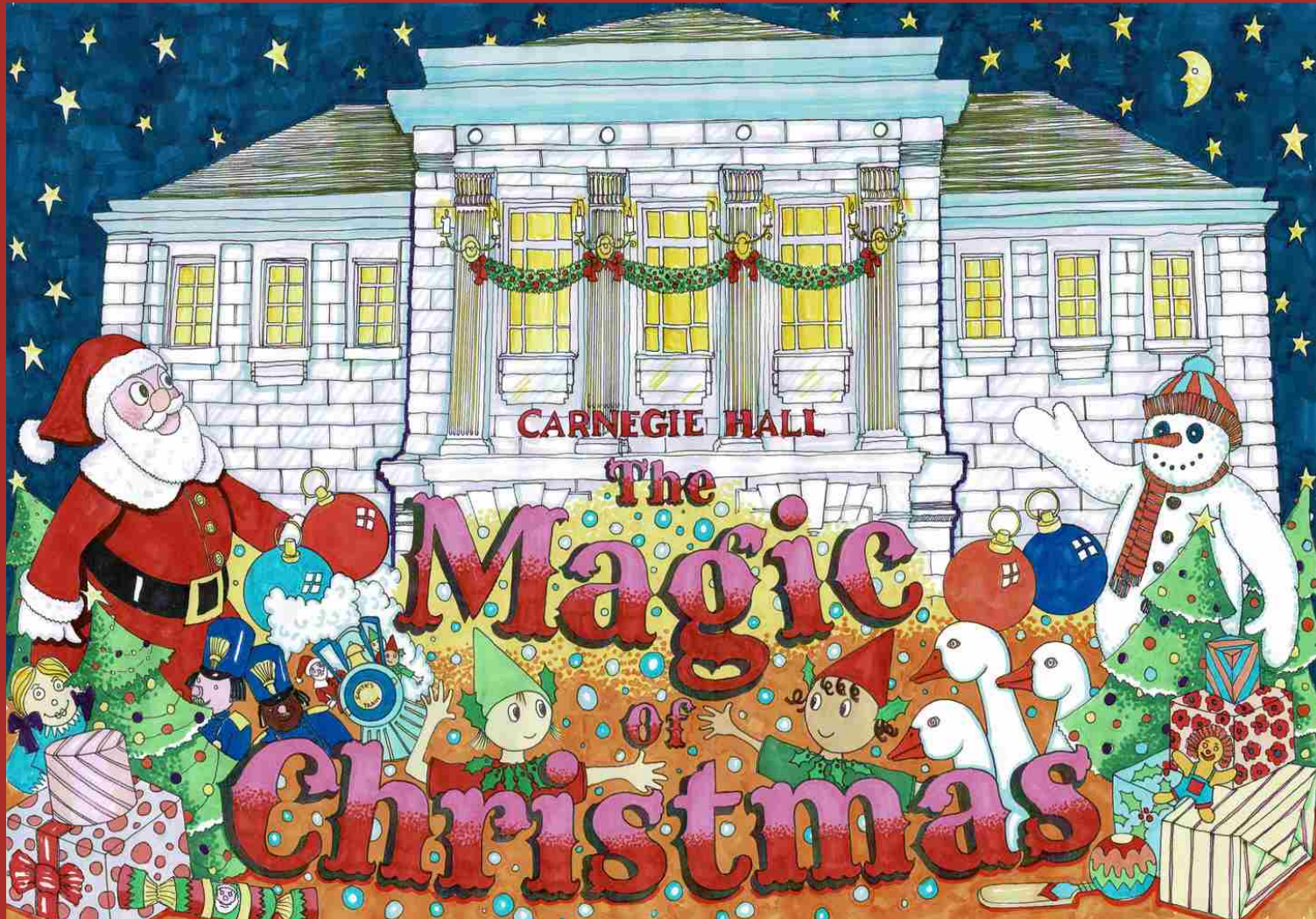


BUILD YOUR OWN THEATRE



PITLOCHRY
FESTIVAL
THEATRE

Hello, my name is Elizabeth.

I'm the Artistic Director of Pitlochry Festival Theatre. While we can't welcome you to the theatre, we've got stories and songs for making your own shows - using easy household items - in your own theatre, in the garden or your living room!

Using the illustrated guide of [*How to Build Your Own Theatre*](#) to make your stage, here is the story of *The Magic of Christmas* to perform together. It has been illustrated by some wonderful artists - Adrian Rees and Trudy Rees-Marklew. You'll meet Hari and Lari the Elves, and Santa and Mrs Claus too!

We're going to show you how to create your costumes, and all the 12 Days of Christmas, and lots more! Then, you can use the story and songs in this book to perform your very own show!

We'd love to see and hear how you've got on. We hope you enjoy making theatre and bringing Christmas magic into your home!

Stay safe! Lots of love and have a very Merry Christmas.

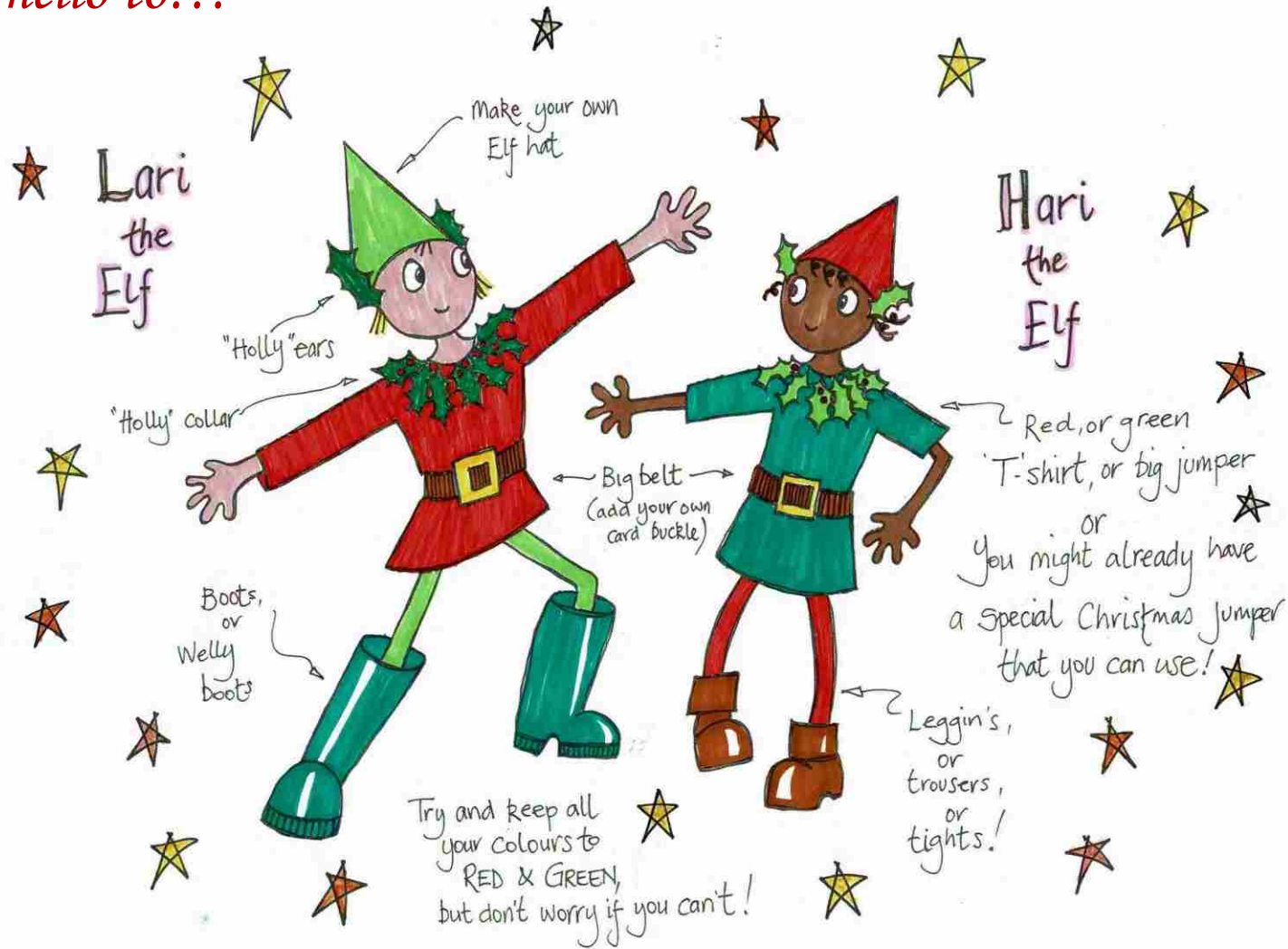
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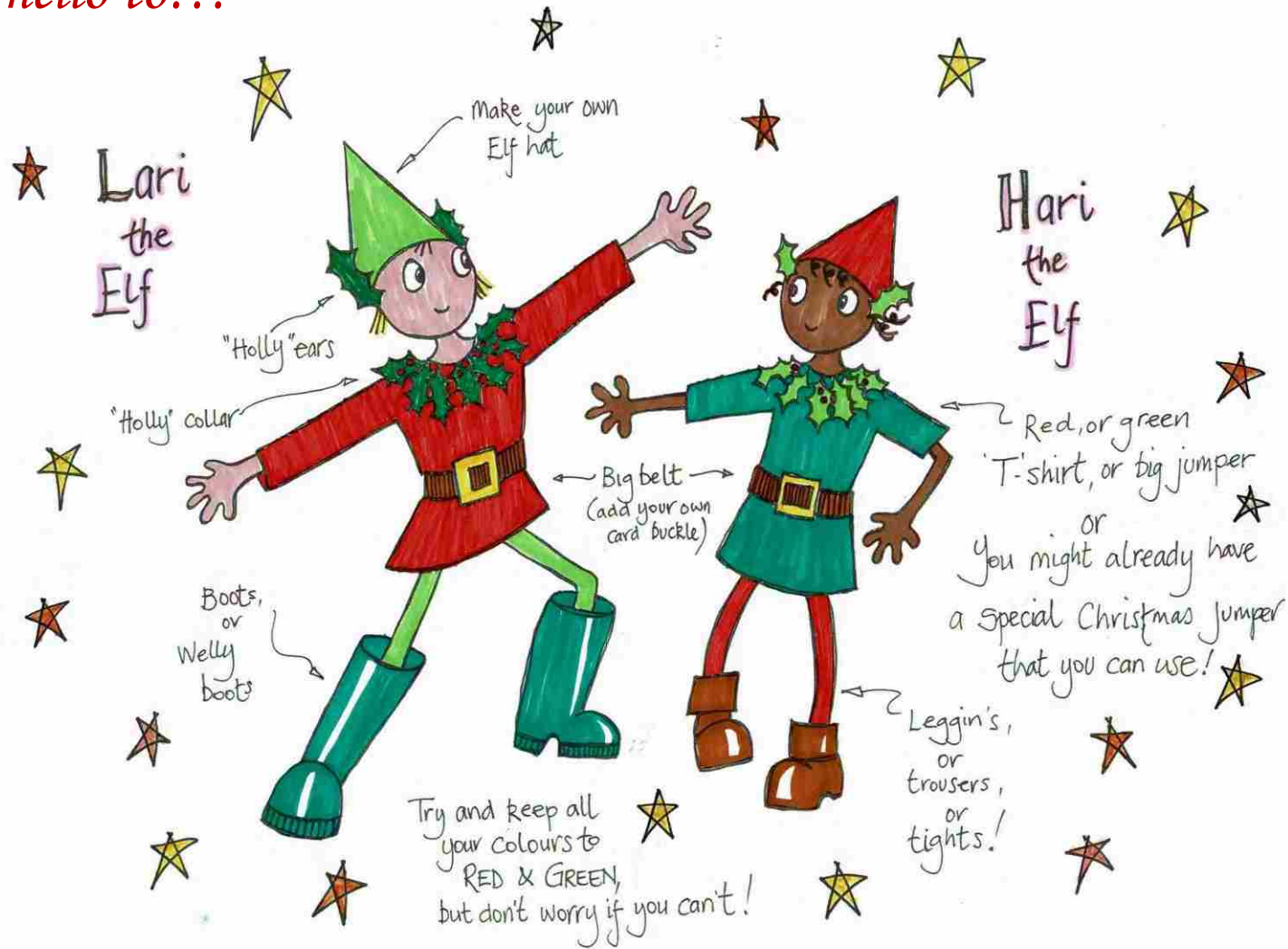




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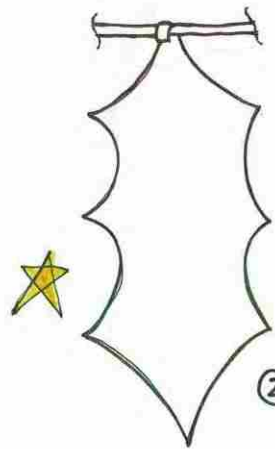


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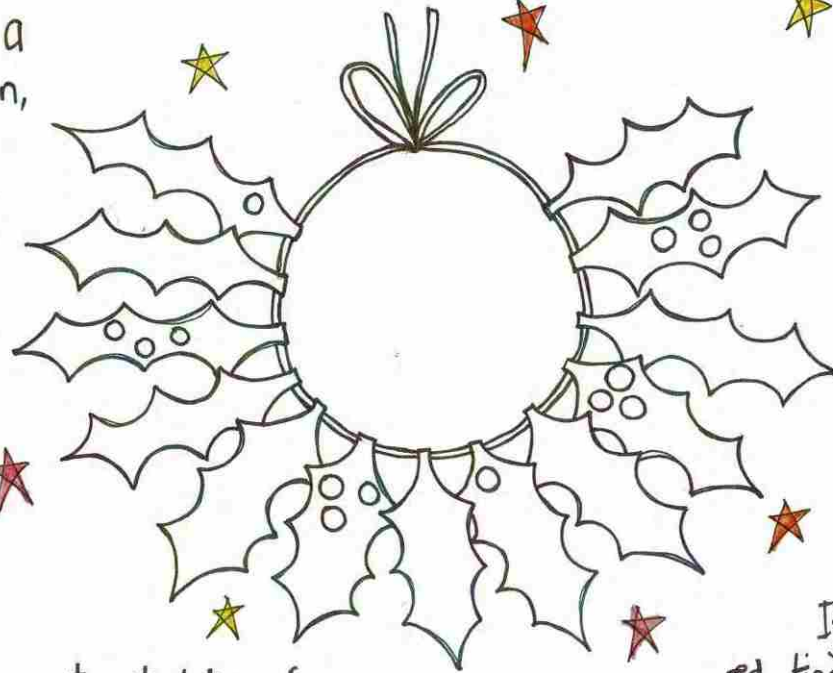


How to make Hari and Lari's Holly Collar

① First of all, find a piece of thin ribbon, or string.

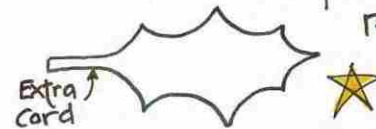


② Then cut out lots of holly leaves from green paper, or card. Make sure you leave a long strip of card at one of the leaf.

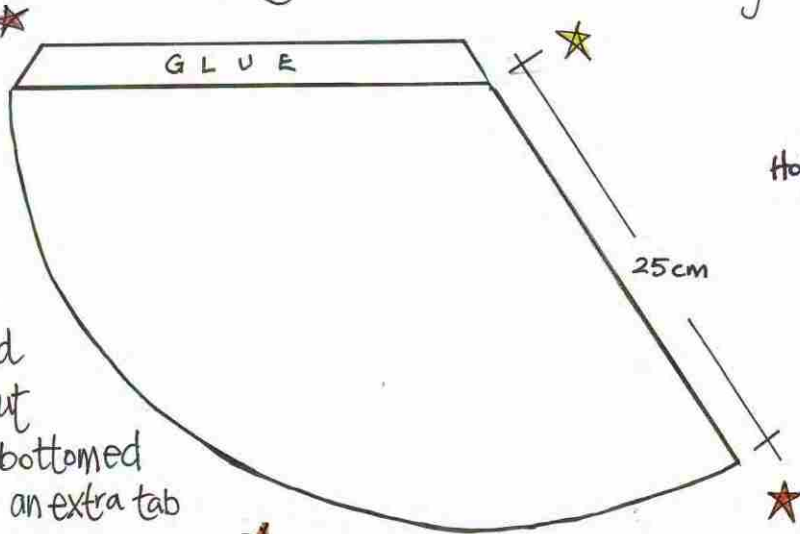


③ Curl the extra strip and glue it to the ribbon. Do the same with all the leaves.

④ Roll some red tissue paper into berries and glue to the leaves. If you haven't got any red tissue paper, use any paper and paint it red.

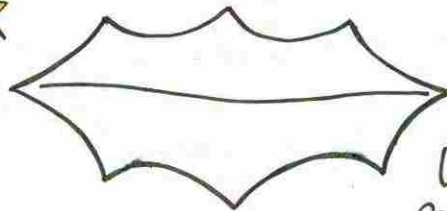


How to make Hari and Lari's Elf hat

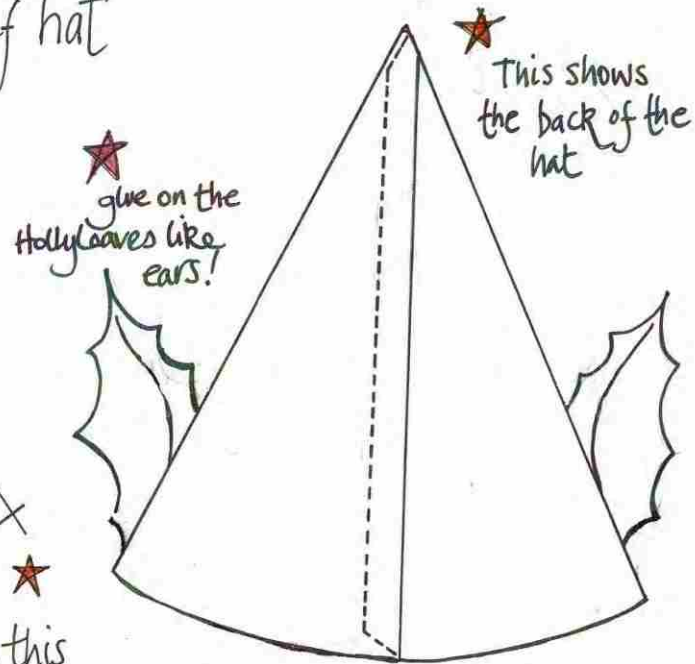


★ Find some green card and cut out a curved bottomed cone with an extra tab on one edge.

★ You will need to gently curve this until the straight edges come together.



★ cut out two large holly leaves in green card, or paper. These will be the Elf's ears



★ This shows the back of the hat

★ glue on the Hollyleaves like ears!

★ overlap the straight edges and glue the tab underneath it. If you have any difficulty, ask an adult to help you



★ Make your own sign!
Here's an idea, but
make up
your own!



Santa Claus' Advent Calendar

- ★ Lari and Hari take us on a magical journey through the amazing Advent Calendar. ★
- ★ You will need to find twelve doors in your home. You will hide your wonderful Twelve Days of Christmas pictures and models behind them! ★
- ★ Make labels for the doors from 1 to 12. Mix them up so that your audience has to look around the home for them. ★
- ★ You can use bedroom doors, or other room doors, but also cupboard doors, wardrobe doors, bathroom cabinet doors and even the doors to the cupboards in the kitchen. Save your bedroom door for a special number.... Number 24! ★
- ★ If you run out of doors, try using some drawers. ★
- ★ Get ready to sing about each day as you open the doors! ★



★ Cut out a partridge shape from a piece of cardboard

★ Use the drawing here to help you. ★

★ Ask an adult to give you a hand if you need to



★ You can paint the partridge, or use Crayons, or stick Coloured tissue paper on to it.

★ Cut out Leaves from green paper

★ Cut out pear shapes from gold, or green paper

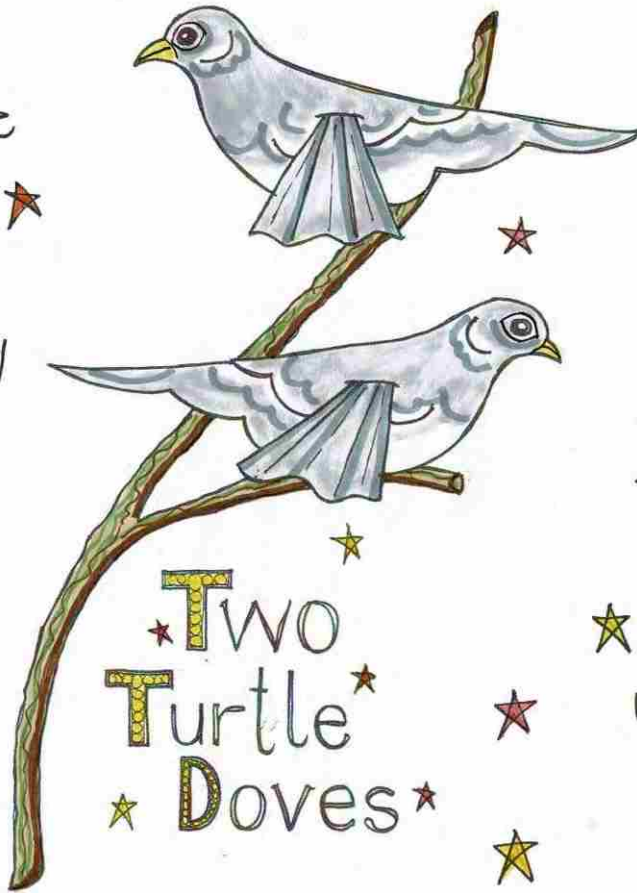
★ Stick them to pieces of wire and sticky tape the wire to the back of the bird.

★ a Partridge in
★ a Pear Tree



★ You can probably find a nice twig while you are out on a walk, or in your garden if you have one! ★

★ Cut the Doves out of white card and draw details, like beaks and eyes, with crayons ★



★ TWO ★
★ Turtle ★
★ Doves ★

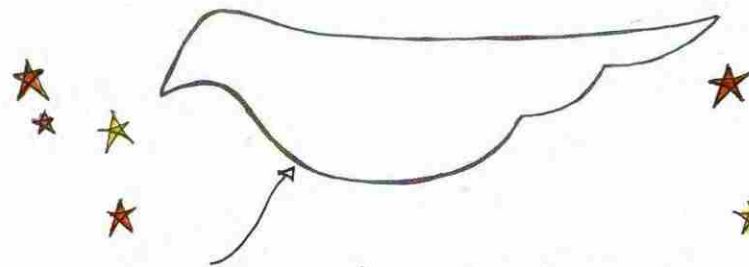
★ See further instructions of how to make the Doves ★

★ glue, or wire the Doves to the Twig ★

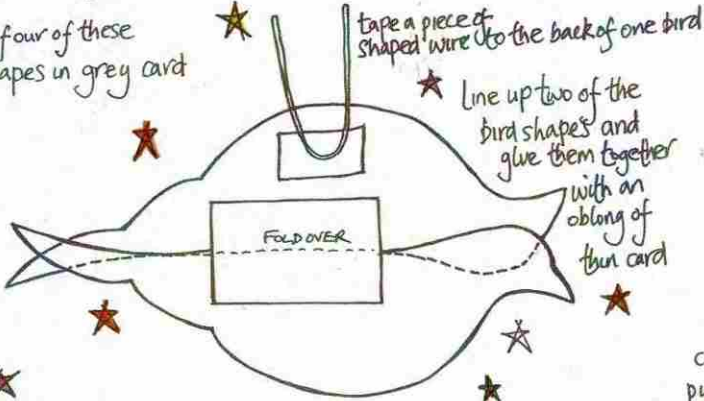
★ If you need help with this project ask an adult! ★



How to make Two Turtle Doves



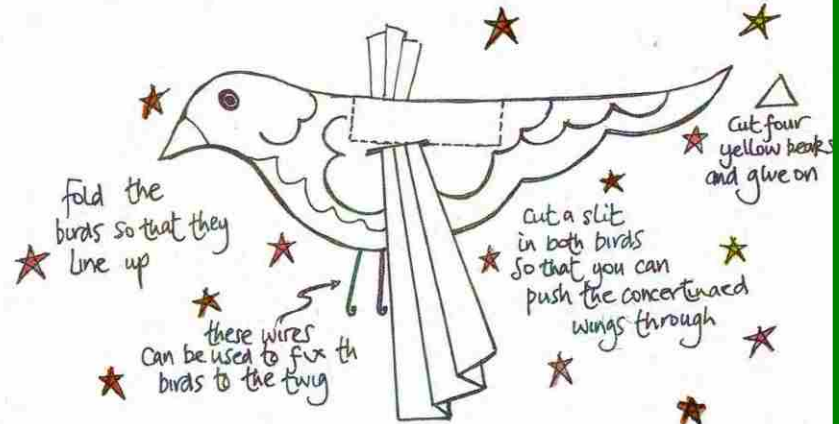
cut out four of these bird shapes in grey card



tape a piece of shaped wire to the back of one bird

Line up two of the bird shapes and glue them together with an oblong of thin card

If you have any difficulty with this project, ask an adult to help you!



fold the birds so that they line up

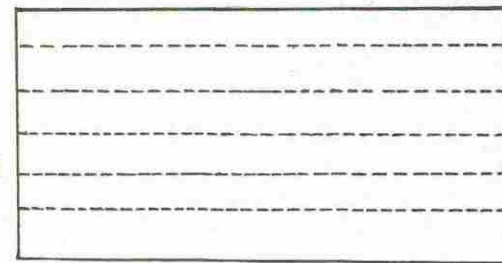
these wires can be used to fix the birds to the twig

cut a slit in both birds so that you can push the concertinaed wings through

cut four yellow beaks and glue on

the Wings

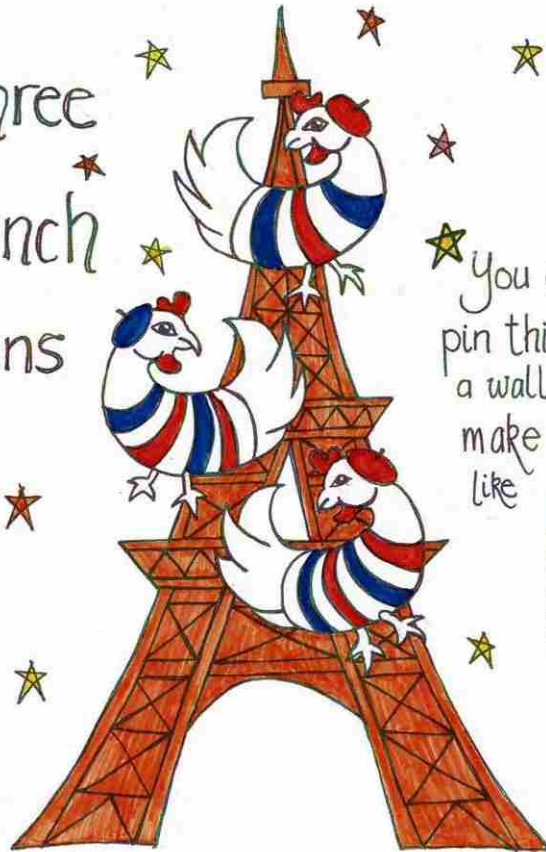
cut four pieces of white card to make the birds' bellies



cut a piece of grey card for wings
concertina folds
the wing card is 8cm x 16cm



Three
French
Hens



You can
pin this to
a wall, or
make a stand
like
this!

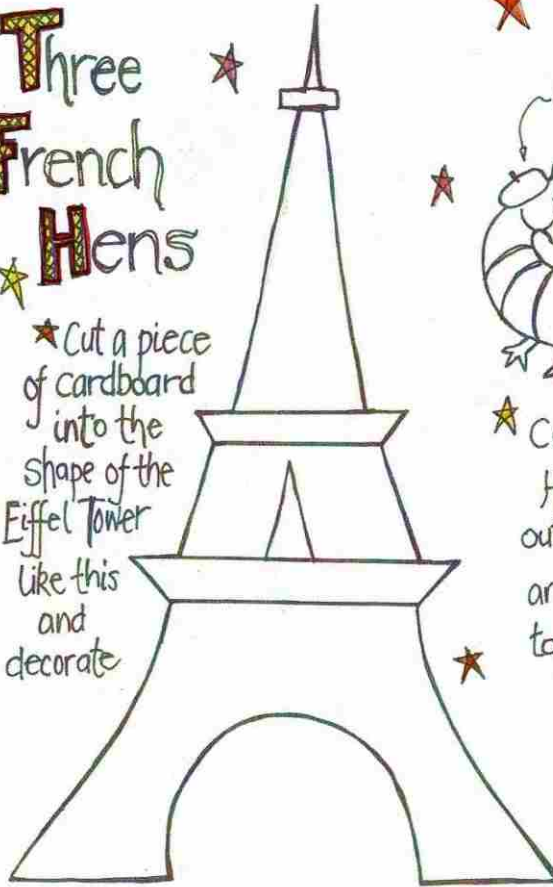


Three French Hens

★ Cut a piece of cardboard into the shape of the Eiffel Tower like this and decorate



★ cut three Hen shapes out of card and decorate to make them look French

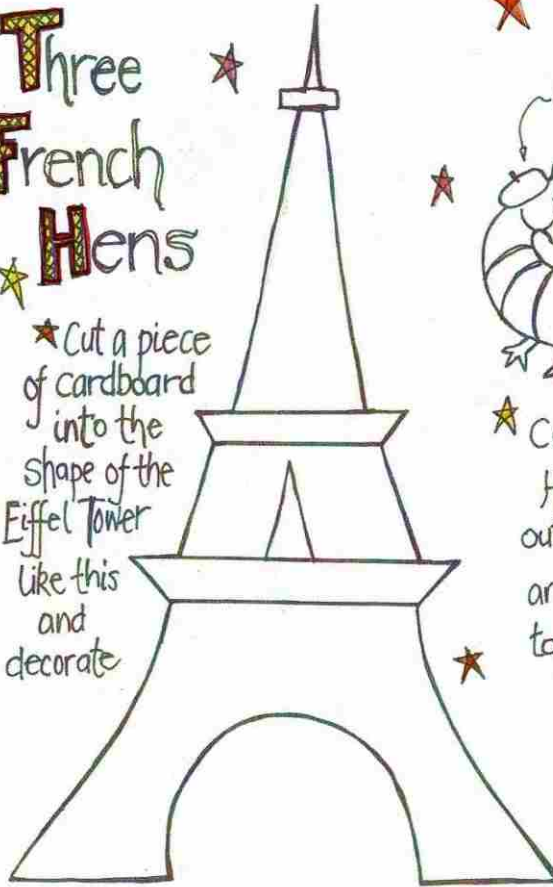


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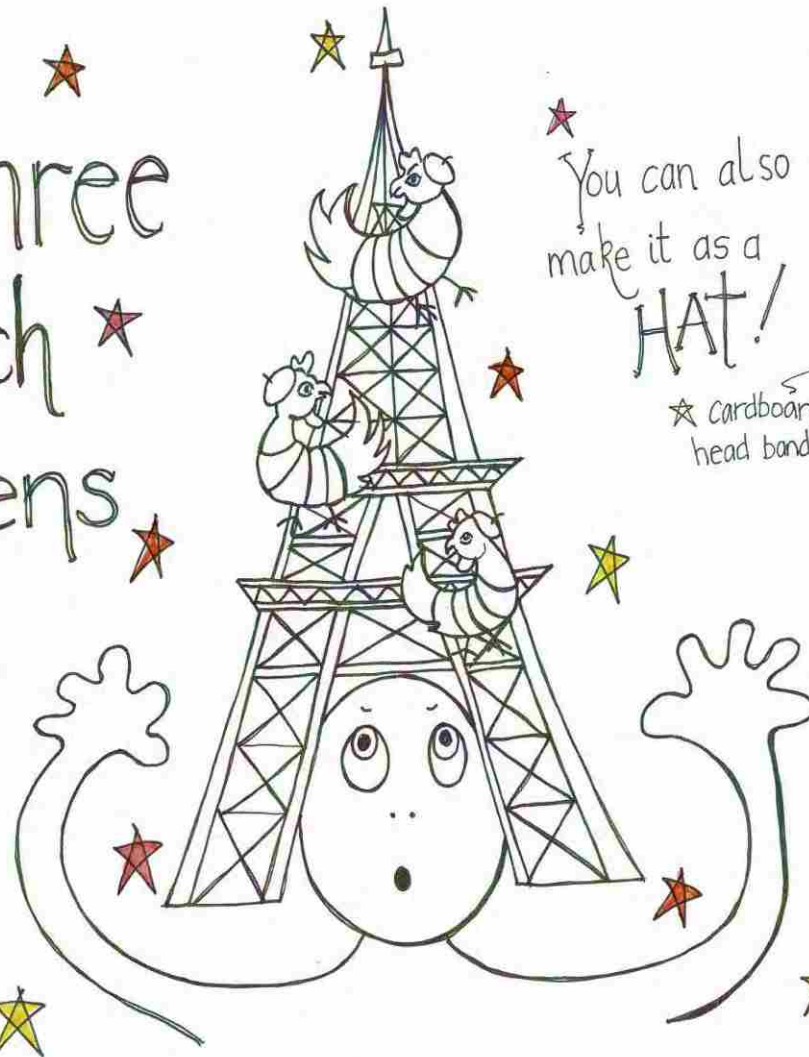
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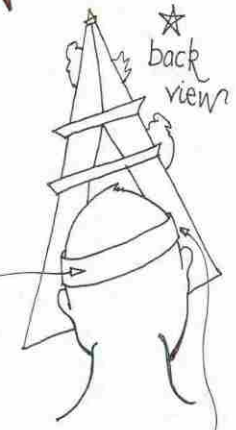


Three French Hens



You can also
make it as a
HAT!

★ cardboard
head band

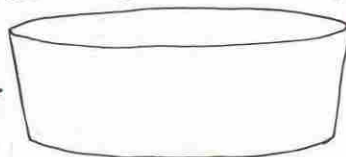


★ Fix the
head band with
sticky tape, or
a staple, to the
back of the
Eiffel Tower

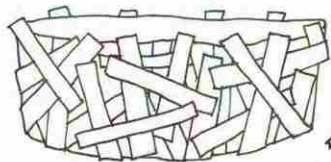


Four Calling Birds

★
① If you have a large yoghurt pot, cut it down to make a shallow dish



★
If you don't have a pot, you can use anything else that is like a shallow plastic dish



★
② Cut lots of small strips of paper, brown if you have it, and glue them to the pot to make a nest.



★
Stick all the pieces in the "nest" as above



★
You can always wear this one as a wonderful hat!

★
③ Cut out four cardboard bird shapes and draw an eye as shown



★
Wings



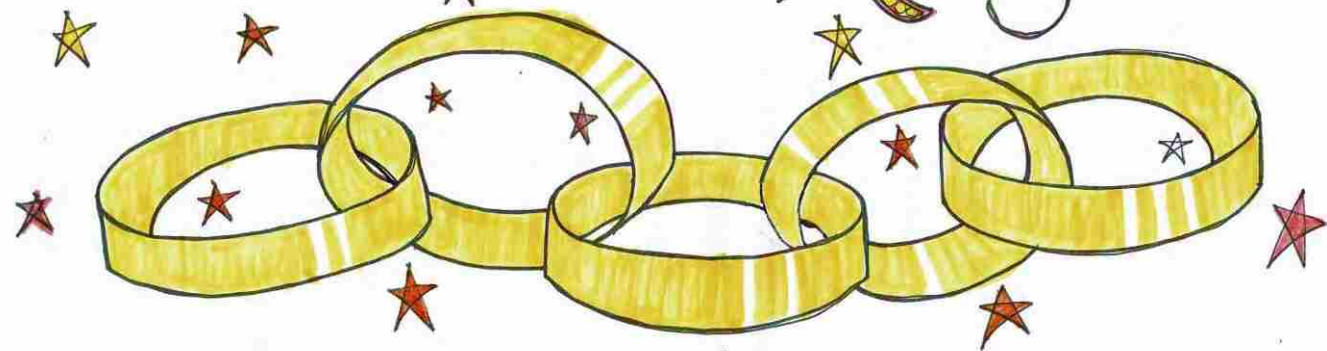
★
Cut out some feather shapes in thin card and cut a series of lines along each side.

★
Be careful not to cut through the centre!

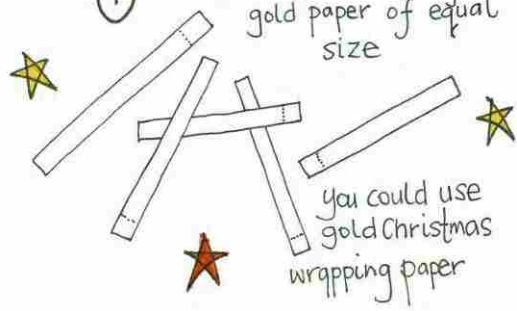


Five Gold Rings

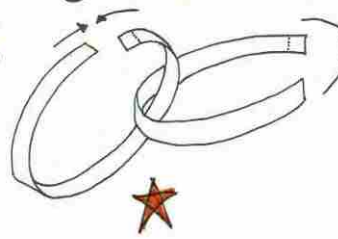
you could even link the rings together like the Olympic Games Rings



① Cut five strips of gold paper of equal size



② Next, glue the ends of the first strip together. you could also use sticky tape if you want to.



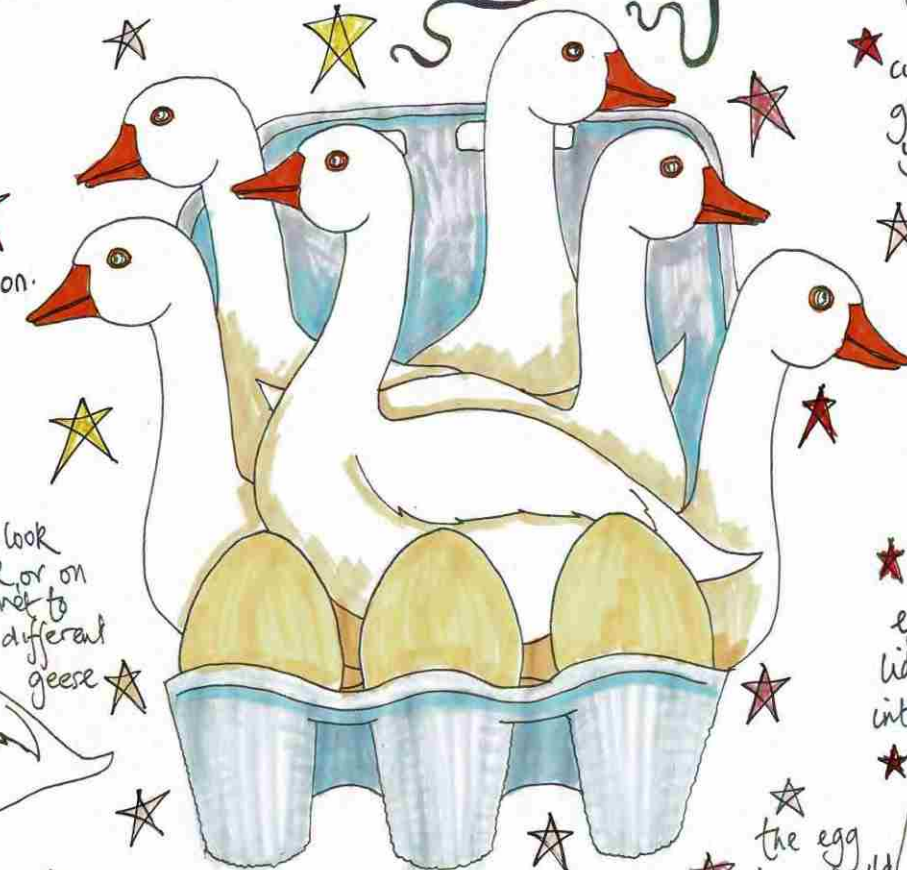
③ when you have all five rings linked together, tape the end ones to two side walls to hang them in the air



★ Six Geese a-laying ★

★ Cut out six goose shapes from thin white card. Cut out wing shapes, too. These can be glued on.
★ Add details with felt tipped pens.

★ You can look in a book or on the internet to see different geese.
★ Colour them as you want.



★ three geese should face left and three should face right. Glue the geese into the egg wells. Honk! Honk!

★ cut out six wings and glue them on. Make sure you have the correct side.

★ cut out three egg shapes and paint them gold

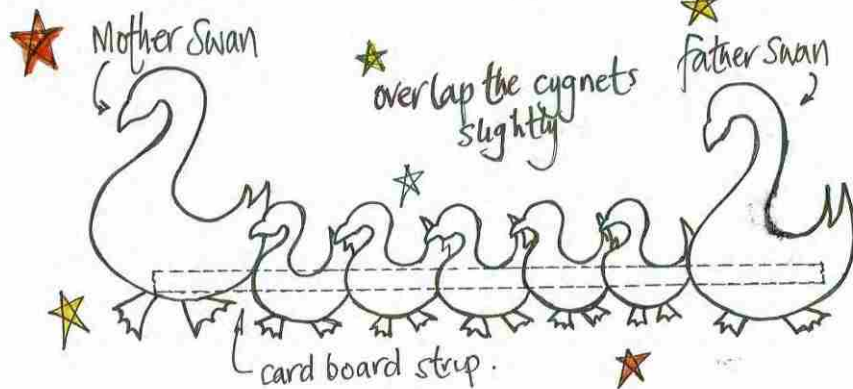
★ You will need an egg box. Prop up the lid and glue the eggs into the front of the box.

★ the egg box should be for a half dozen



Seven Swans

a-swimming

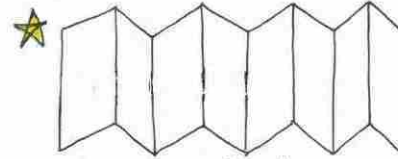


Add detail to the swans with pens, crayons or paint.

Stick the swans to a strip of card



You'll need a long strip of paper!



① For this project, you will need a long strip of paper. You might need to stick several pieces of paper together.



this shows the paper folded into a "concertina" with the outline of a Milkmaid drawn on!

② When you have your long strip, you must fold it into eight equal parts BUT you must fold it like a CONCERTINA!

If you have difficulty, ask an adult to help. *this part goes on the fold*

③ Draw your Milkmaid on to the end of the folded paper.

④ then you cut it out!

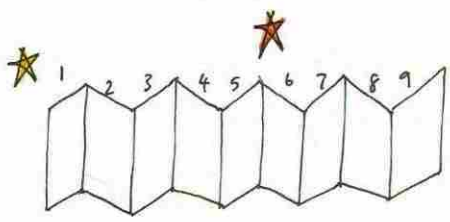
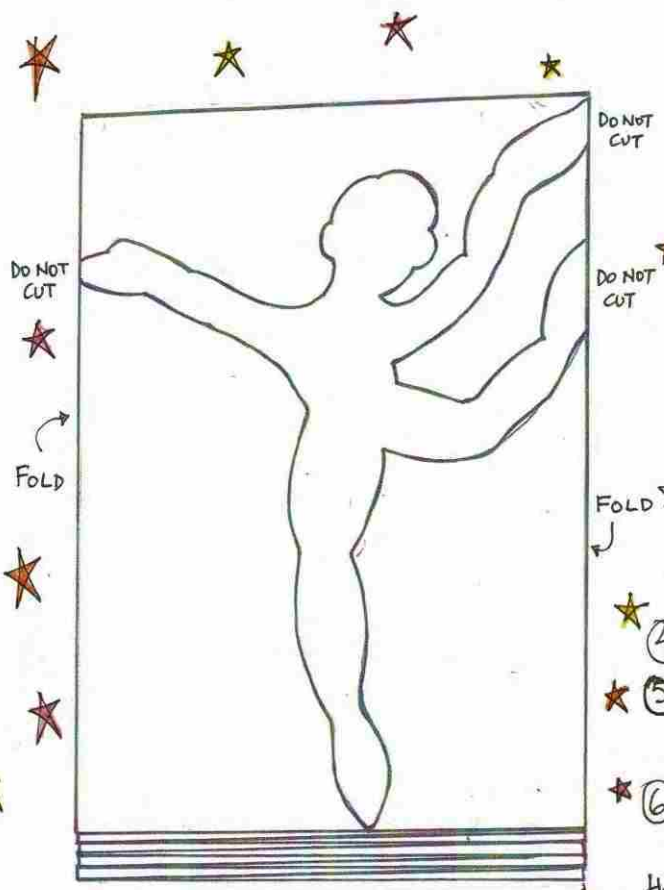
⑤ Open the concertina carefully and draw on your Milkmaids. try and make them all different.



⑥ Colour in the Milkmaids with felt-tip pens, or crayons!

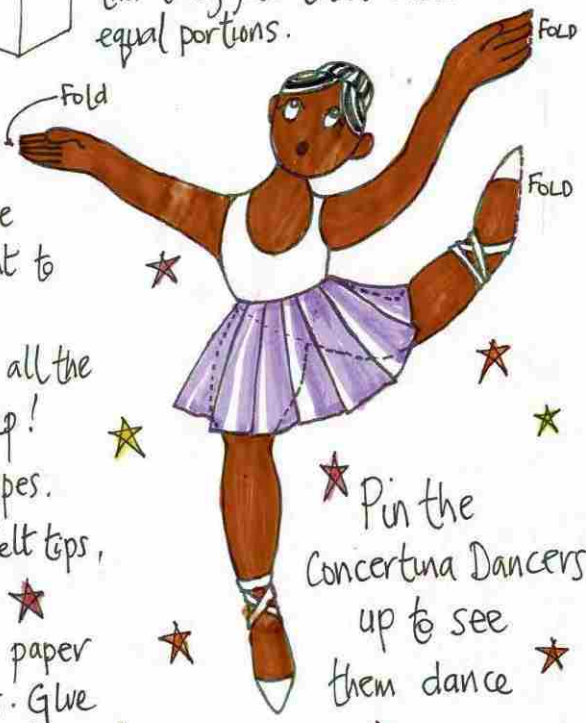
Eight Maids a-milking





★ ① As for the previous project, cut a long strip of paper, but this time, fold it into NINE equal portions.

★ ② Fold the papers together and draw the shape shown here. Make sure you take the one leg and both hands right to the folds.



★ ③ Carefully cut out through all the pages. Ask an adult to help!

★ ④ Open out the Dancer shapes.

★ ⑤ Draw your dancers with felt tips, or crayons

★ ⑥ Use some coloured tissue paper to make the dancer's Tufu's. Glue the tissue carefully in place.

★ Pin the Concertina Dancers up to see them dance

Nine Ladies Dancing



Ten Lords a-leaping

Cover a large yoghurt pot with red card. Turn it upside down to form the body

cut this shape out in red card to make the arms

cut out two black card legs and two gold paper buckles

cut out bow for neck

cut two hand shapes in pink card

this shape is for the collar and should be cut out in white card

Pink card for the face

draw face on with pen

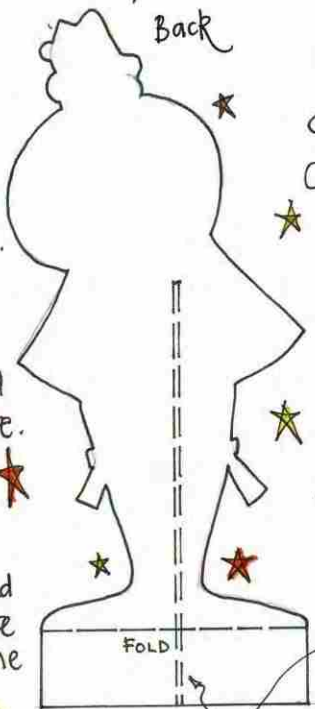
Tucks into red card cover

Grey Card for wig

You will need to work out the sizes for your yoghurt pot Lord, as different brands will be different sizes.



★ Draw the shape you see here and cut it out. Then use it as a template to draw round and cut out ten more.



★ there is a fold line shown here which will become the stand

★ Using felt pens, crayons, or paint, create the piper shown here.

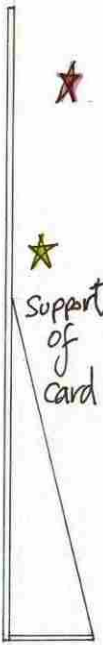


★ Make eleven in total

★ Cut out three pipes for each piper and glue them on!



★ Cut out A triangular support for each piper. Glue it on.

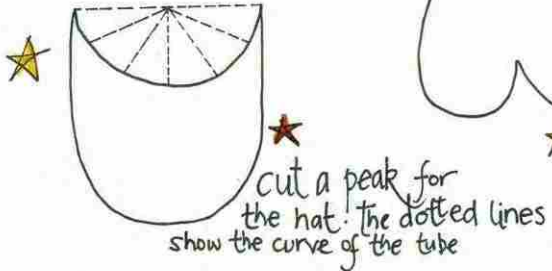
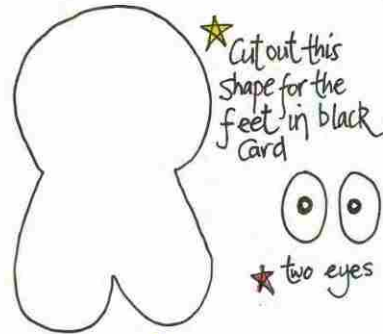
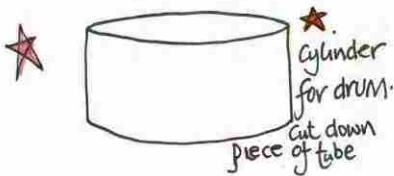


★ Eleven Pipers Piping ★



Twelve Drummers Drumming

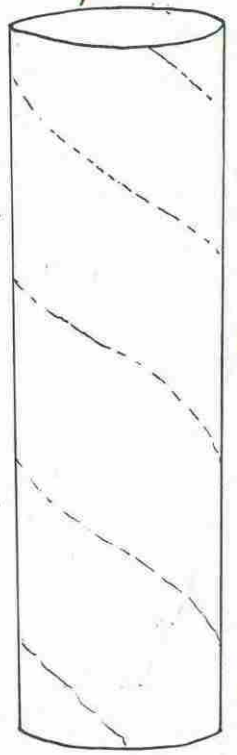
★ Long piece of card for the arms



★ Make twelve drummers!



★ Kitchen roll tube or rolled card tube
★ Decorate with various strips of coloured paper





★ Can you see the magical book, "Baile Chloichrudh" high up on Mrs Claus shelf?
 ★ See another sheet for ideas on that!

MRS CLAUS' TELEPHONE

★ You could use your own Christmas tree and lights to be the tree in Mrs. Claus' house.
 ★ Just have fun!

★ If you have an old fancy chair, use that to be Mrs. Claus chair. If not, decorate a kitchen chair, or dining chair. You can do anything you'd like! ★

Mrs. Claus Tells a Story ★

★ You can wrap up "pretend" presents for Mrs. Claus sitting room.
 ★ You could also wrap up some of your favourite toys.
 ★ Use newspaper, brown paper, in fact any paper to wrap up the presents.



Idea One



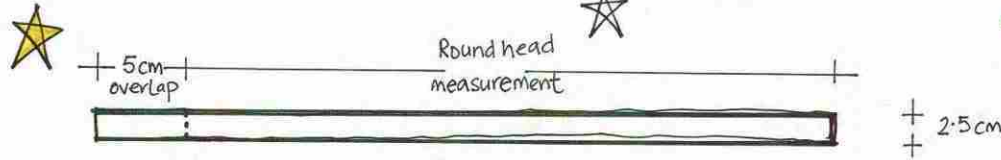
Idea Two



Mrs. Claus

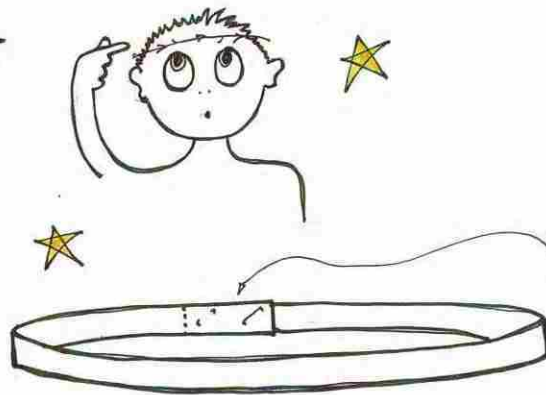


How to make Mrs. Claus's Holly Crown.



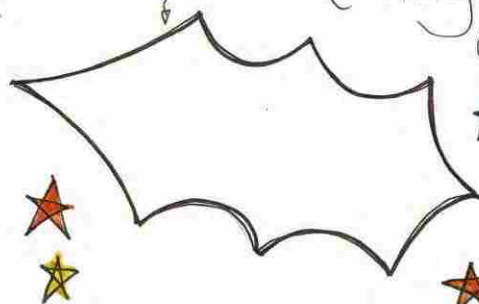
★ Make a head band out of cardboard as shown.

★ Cut out holly leaves out of green paper and glue them to the head band.
★ Glue red berries between leaves.



★ staple, glue, or sticky tape the strip together to form a head band.

★ Make Holly leaves out of green paper, or paint them green
★ Cut out enough to go all the way round the head band.



★ make red paper balls for holly berries, or make them out of any paper and paint them red

★ Ask an adult to help you cut out the leaves.



the Magical Book called BAILE CHLOICHRIDH

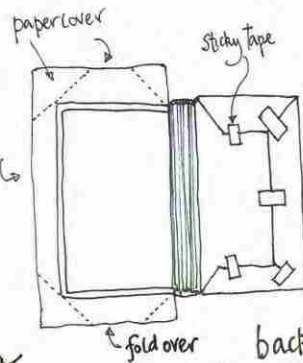
or Pitlochry!

★ Santa's magic book



★ Find a book that you can make into the magical book.

★ It can be as small, or as large as you want it to be!



★ Find a piece of paper that is bigger than all sides of the book.

★ Cover the front back and spine just like in the picture here.

★ Use sticky tape to secure the paper cover as shown.



★ When you have covered the book with its paper cover, you can colour and decorate it any way you'd like.

★ the book cover should reflect what Pitlochry means to you.

★ It might show the wonderful river, or the incredible mountain.

★ It might show the Gardens, or the theatre.

★ Or it might just be magical and Christmassy. DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!



Where Is Santa Claus?

You will need the
Ancient Magic Spell of Baile Chloichridh
to get you through the 24th door of
Santa Claus' Advent Calendar

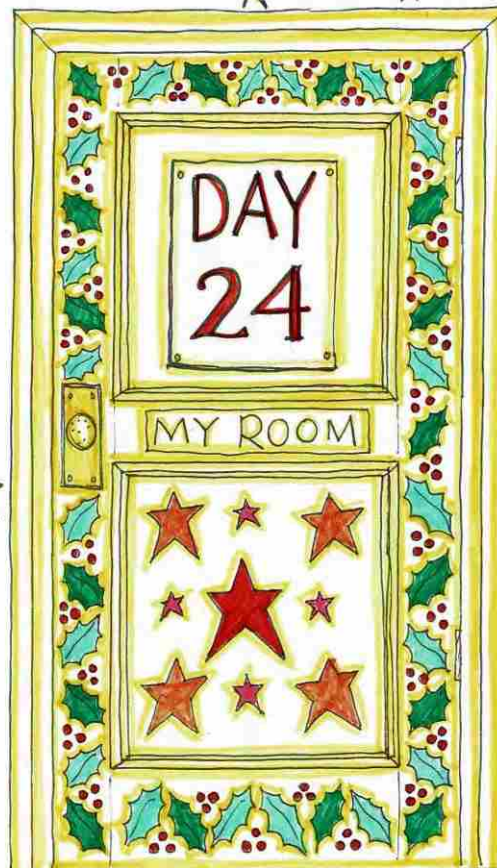
North Star, North Star shine your light
Guide our sleigh all through the night.

Please come back and help us see
Please come back and shine brightly!

North Star, North Star shine your light
Guide our sleigh all through the night

Please come back and help us see
Please come back and shine brightly!

Try saying it and see
what happens!



When you go through the
door, it will be the last part of
our story.

Make a final door number -
Number 24 - for your bedroom
door.

You can decorate your door
in any way you want.

You could use tinsel, or
cut out holly leaves and tack
them to the door, or you can just
put up the sign saying,

**DAY
24!**



How to make a Santa Claus costume



wooly hat,
hopefully red

Make a Santa
mask -
see another
page for help

Big red jumper,
or
a Christmas
Jumper

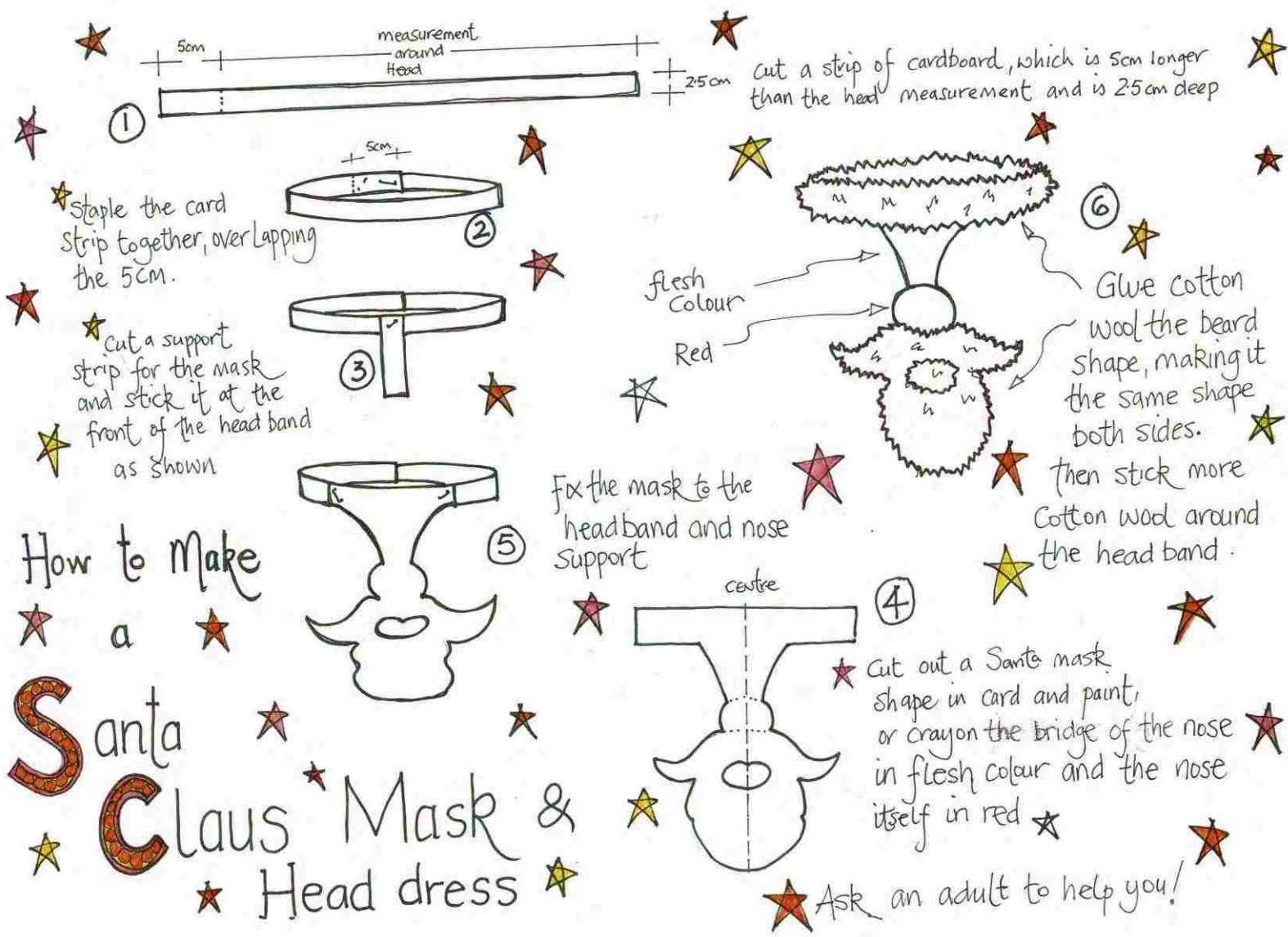
Put a cushion up under
the jumper to make
Santa's tummy

Big black belt with golden
buckle - you can always
make one!

Big boots,
or
Black welly
boots

Black trousers, or red ones if
you have them





cut a strip of cardboard, which is 5cm longer than the head measurement and is 25cm deep

1 staple the card strip together, overlapping the 5cm.

2 cut a support strip for the mask and stick it at the front of the head band as shown

3 fix the mask to the headband and nose support

4 Glue cotton wool the beard shape, making it the same shape both sides.

5 then stick more Cotton wool around the head band.

6 Cut out a Santa mask shape in card and paint, or crayon the bridge of the nose in flesh colour and the nose itself in red

Ask an adult to help you!

How to Make a Santa Claus Mask & Head dress



How to Make Santa's Space Train!

- ★ Remove the pillows and Quilt from your bed.
- ★ Roll up the Quilt and place it down the centre of your bed
- ★ If you have a picnic table, place it at the head of the bed. If not, use any small table
- ★ Put a waste paper basket on the Quilt at the front and a laundry basket at the back
- ★ Place the pillows on either side of the table
- ★ You could also make a sign to pin to the side of your Quilt! Have fun!

Santa's Space Train and the Land of Stars



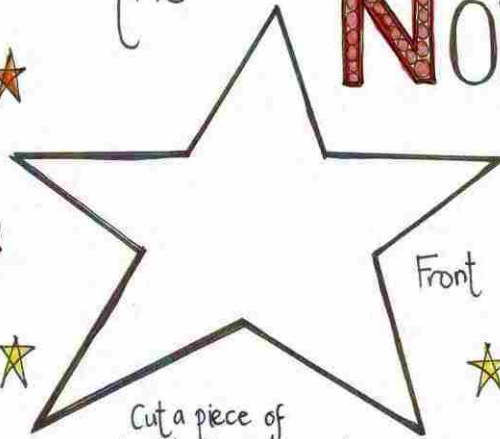
the North Star can sit on the top of the table. It can be flipped up when it's needed

★ ask your adult for permission before you do this

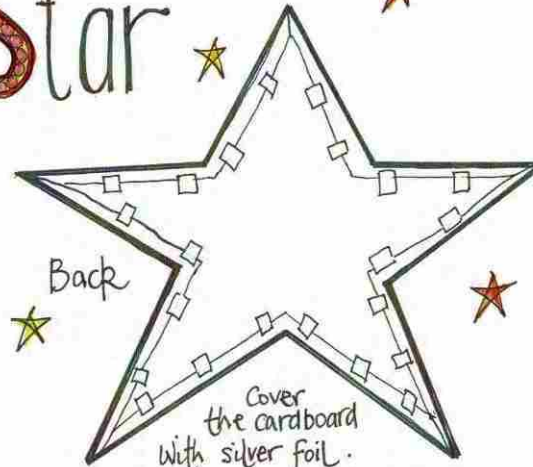
★ Cut out as many stars as you can and cover them in tin foil, just like for the North Star. You can safely pin them to your curtains carefully, or sticky tack them to the walls



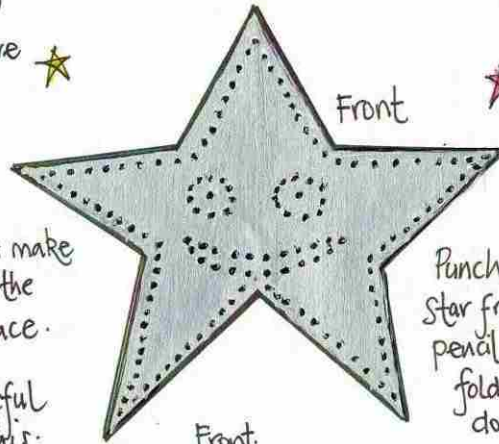
the North Star



Cut a piece of card into the shape of a star with five points like above



Cover the cardboard with silver foil. Tape the foil in place on the back



You could make the holes in the shape of a face.

Please be careful as you do this.

Punch holes in the star from the front with a pencil. Rest the star on a folded towel so that you don't hurt yourself

You could shine a torch light on the back to illuminate the face.

If you suspend the star, make sure you cover the back with silver foil, too. It will spin!

Ask an adult to help you with this project

Make the star as big as you want!



the Garden of Art



You can find some twigs on a walk, or in your garden

paint the leaves in Christmas colours and stick them to the twigs

You can make the leaves out of paper

find out how to make the Garden of Art on the following pages!

FAVE TALES
STORY GARDEN

PICTURE GARDEN
CRAYONS

MUSIC SCORE
Song for
Music

GARDEN of INVISIBLE ART

the Garden of Art

★ find a large flower pot.

★ Make sure that the pot is clean and wash it if it isn't!

★ Cut out a piece of coloured paper



★ Write 'STORY GARDEN' on it in coloured felt pen.

★ Tape the paper to the side of the pot.

★ fill the pot with your favourite books and comics.

★ Make sure your favourite book stands tallest!

the Garden of Art

☆ find a small bucket, or a large paint can. ☆

☆ Make sure it's nice and ☆ clean. ☆

☆ You can paint the outside if you want, or cover it in glitter! ☆



☆ cut a piece of coloured card to fit the side of the paint can ☆

☆ Write the words 'PICTURE GARDEN' ON the card with a coloured felt pen. Stick it on the can. ☆

☆ fill the can with crayons, paint brushes, paints, chokes, scissors, glitter and anything else you want. ☆

☆ Save pride of place for your best picture! ☆

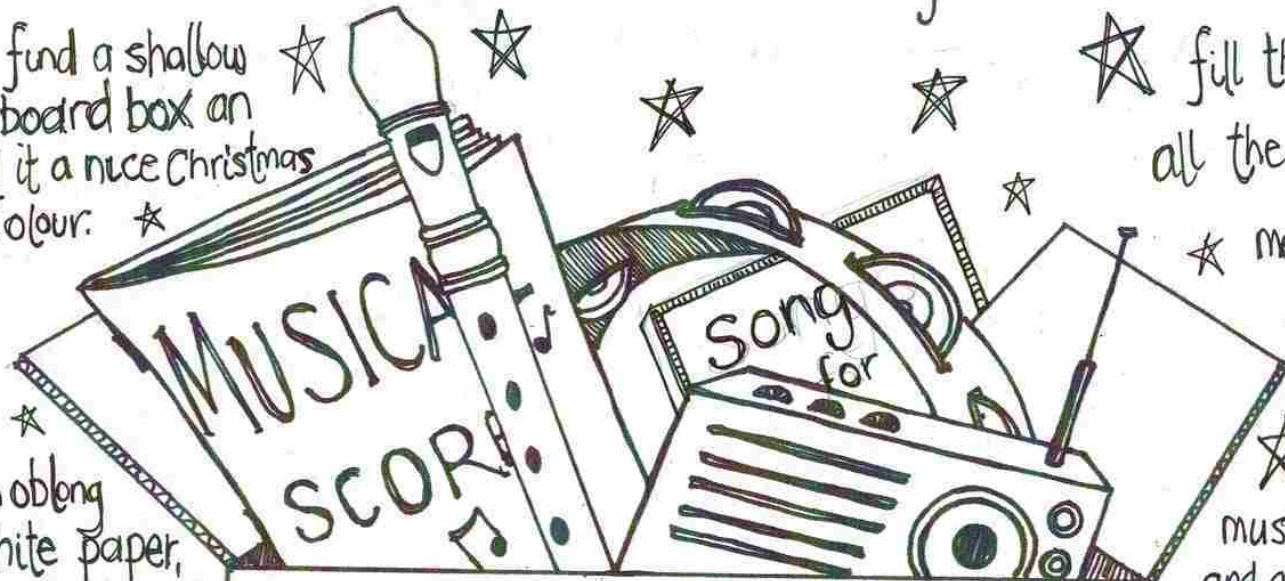
the Garden of Art

★ find a shallow cardboard box and paint it a nice Christmas Colour. ★

★ fill the box with all the things that

★ mean music to you. ★

★ On an oblong of white paper, draw a staff of music like in the picture, or draw something that means music to you. ★
★ Don't forget to include 'MUSIC BED!' ★



★ You can put musical instruments and a radio in the box and any books and CDs you might have. ★

★ Don't forget, anything musical goes! ★



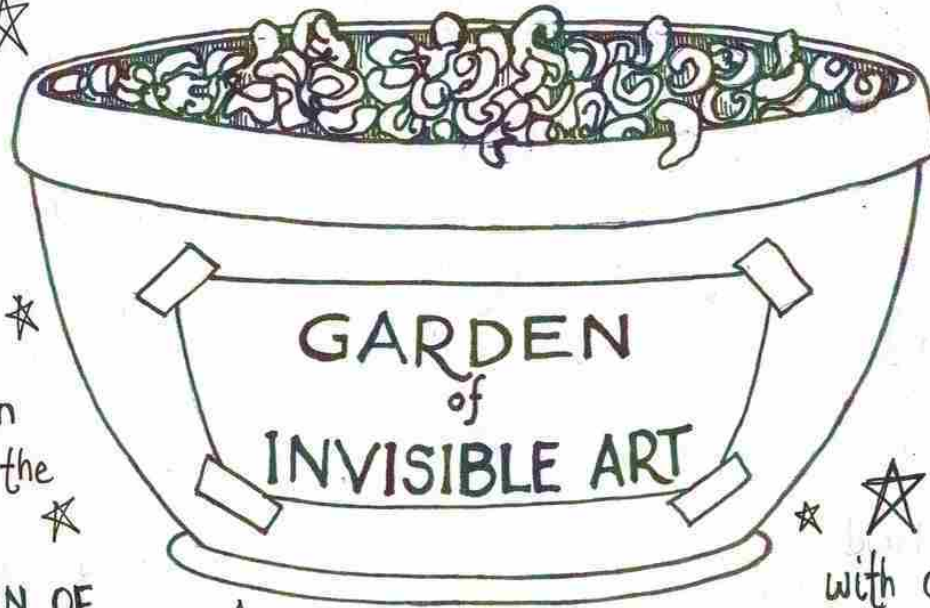
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★ find a large mixing bowl in the Kitchen ★

★ find a sparkly piece of card if you can and cut an oblong that fits on the side of the bowl. ★

★ Write 'GARDEN OF INVISIBLE ART' on it.

★ Add some glitter if you want. ★



★ find a few different plastic bags - black, white and colours - and cut them into ★ oblongs, about 4cm by 2cm ★

★ Do the same with crepe and tissue paper. ★

★ fill the bowl with the oblongs ★
★ throw it into the air like confetti! ★



Now you're ready to go!

Here are the story and songs to perform on your stage

Setting the scene...

Scene 1

In the Magic of Christmas film, we travel the streets of Stirling. It's Christmas.

*We come across a quiet shop... **Tinsel and Tartan.***

We go through the door.

You could do this bit at your front door...





MRS C: Hallo, my dears. Welcome to *Tinsel and Tartan*

MR C: Our beautiful little Christmas haven in Stirling. A "touch of tartan" perfect for decorating your tree, home, wreaths, garlands and gifts.

MRS C: Hang on, I bet we can guess what you're looking for!

MR C: The Magic of Christmas, of course, well you've come to the right place.

MRS C: Let me see... *She lifts up an advent calendar.*

Here we are, dear-hearts. On the other side of this little door is our Magic Garden.

MR C: A place of music, stars and space trains!

MRS C: Where elves play, art grows and there's dancing every day.

CLOCK STRIKES (You can say BONG! very loudly to create this!)

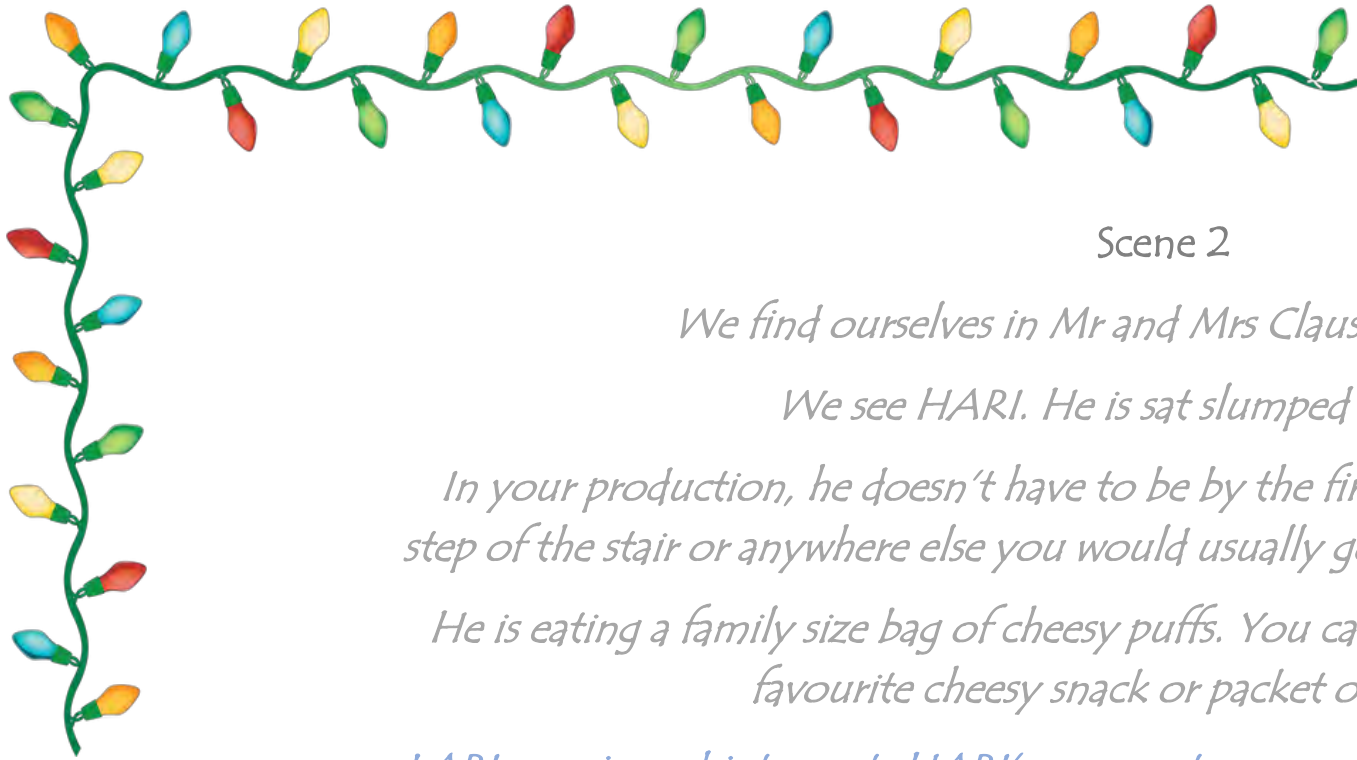
MR C: It's time, Mrs C. *Turns the closed sign on the shop.*

Are you ready for your Baile Chloichridh Adventure?

MRS C: Yes, Mr. C, I think we are. *She smiles.* After you...

Open the door for your audience to go through the advent calendar door.





Scene 2

We find ourselves in Mr and Mrs Claus's Magic Garden.

We see HARI. He is sat slumped by the fire.

In your production, he doesn't have to be by the fire, he could be on the bottom step of the stair or anywhere else you would usually go to think. He looks very down.

He is eating a family size bag of cheesy puffs. You can, of course, choose your own favourite cheesy snack or packet of crisps here!

LARI runs in and interrupts HARI's moment.

LARI: Hari! Hari! Hari! What have you done?!

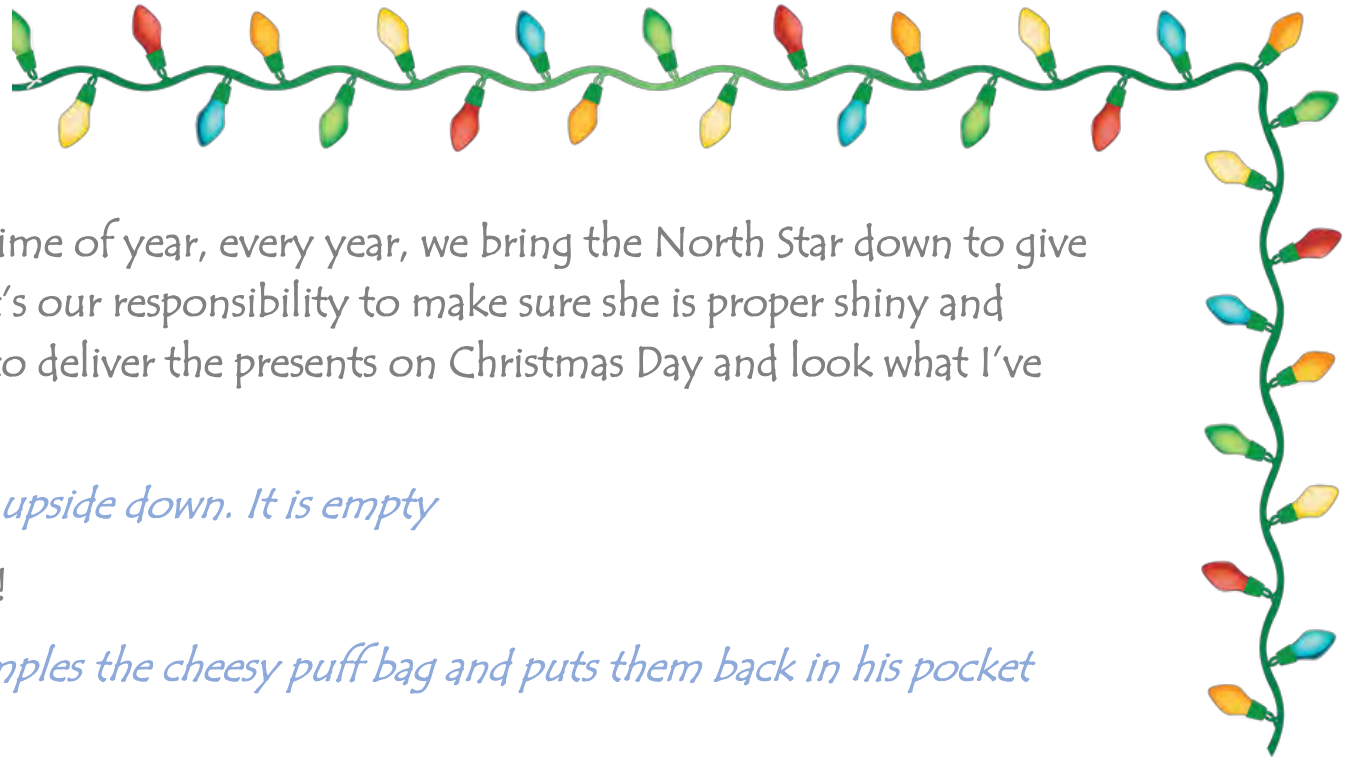
HARI: Eh?

LARI: Hari! Hari! Hari! What have you done?!

HARI: Eh?

LARI: I've just gone to polish the North Star for Santa.





As you know, at this time of year, every year, we bring the North Star down to give her a polish. Because it's our responsibility to make sure she is proper shiny and bright to guide Santa to deliver the presents on Christmas Day and look what I've discovered...

Shakes the bag. Tips it upside down. It is empty

The star bag is EMPTY!

HARI: Oh. *HARI crumples the cheesy puff bag and puts them back in his pocket*

LARI: Oh?

HARI: Well... yeah... I don't know how to break it to you.

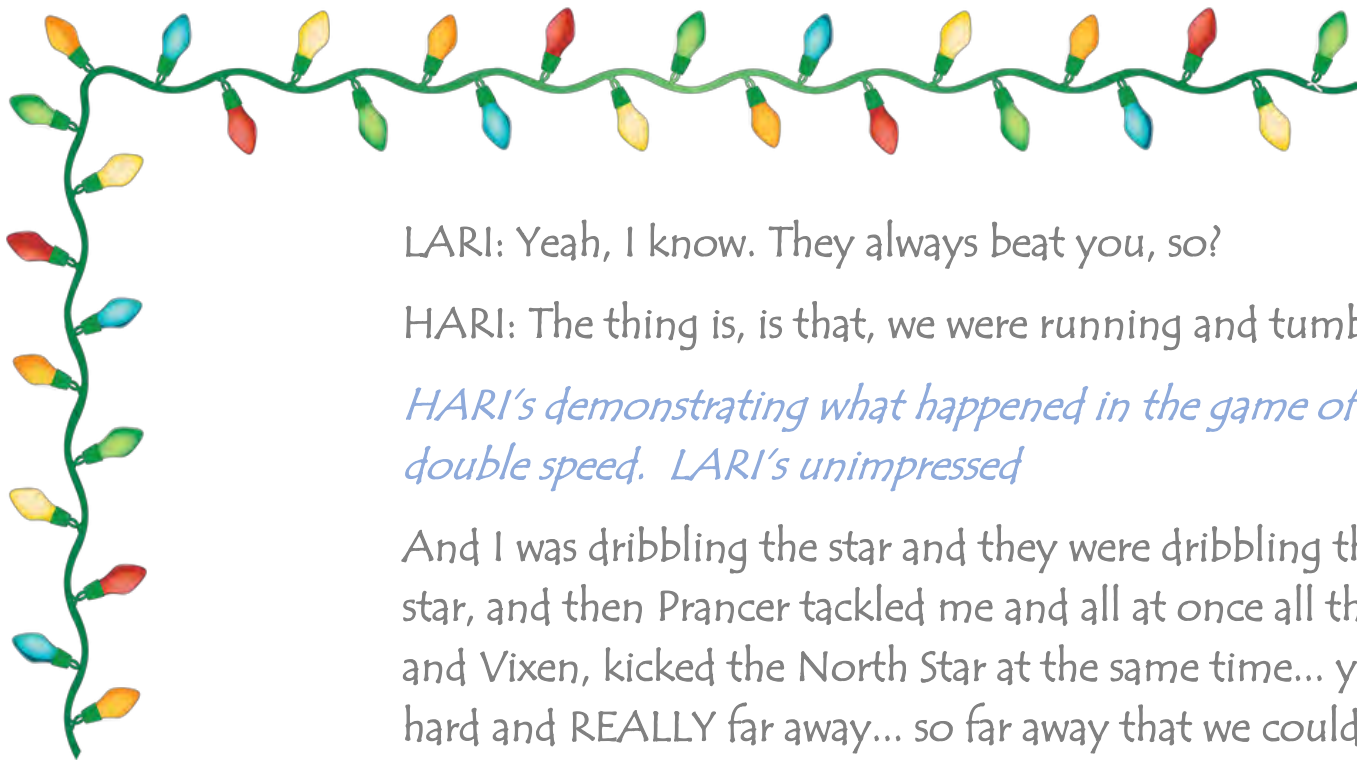
LARI: Just tell me.

HARI: I might have accidentally – and it was accidental – erm, decided that it would be a good idea to play, erm football – with – the North Star.

LARI: What?!

HARI: We were playing football, just a bit of a kick-about – me and Prancer and Dancer and Vixen, and they were really good 'cos they've got four legs and I've only got two...





LARI: Yeah, I know. They always beat you, so?

HARI: The thing is, is that, we were running and tumbling.

HARI's demonstrating what happened in the game of football whilst speaking at double speed. LARI's unimpressed

And I was dribbling the star and they were dribbling the star, then I was dribbling the star, and then Prancer tackled me and all at once all three of them, Prancer, Dancer and Vixen, kicked the North Star at the same time... yes, kicked the North Star really hard and REALLY far away... so far away that we couldn't find it.

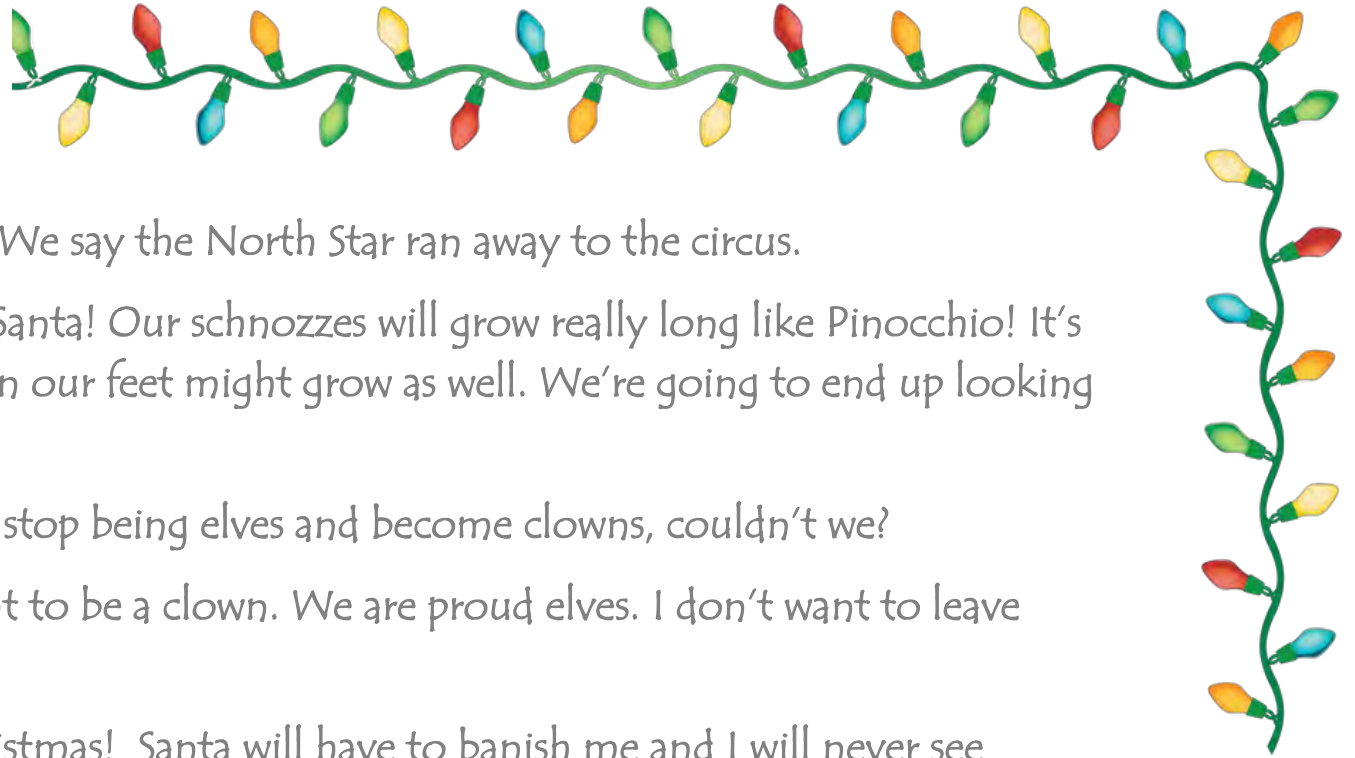
LARI: What?

HARI: Yeah. I've lost it.

LARI: Hari!! Santa needs the North Star to show him the way to deliver the presents to children all over the world! What are we going to do?

LARI starts to search. HARI follows eating cheesy puffs (or your other favourite snack). He's very worried.





HARI: Got it! We lie! We say the North Star ran away to the circus.

LARI: We can't lie to Santa! Our schnozzes will grow really long like Pinocchio! It's such a big lie... I reckon our feet might grow as well. We're going to end up looking like clowns!

HARI: Well, we could stop being elves and become clowns, couldn't we?

LARI: No! I don't want to be a clown. We are proud elves. I don't want to leave Santa and Mrs Claus.

HARI: I've ruined Christmas! Santa will have to banish me and I will never see Lapland again! *Hari cries.*

LARI: OH Hari.

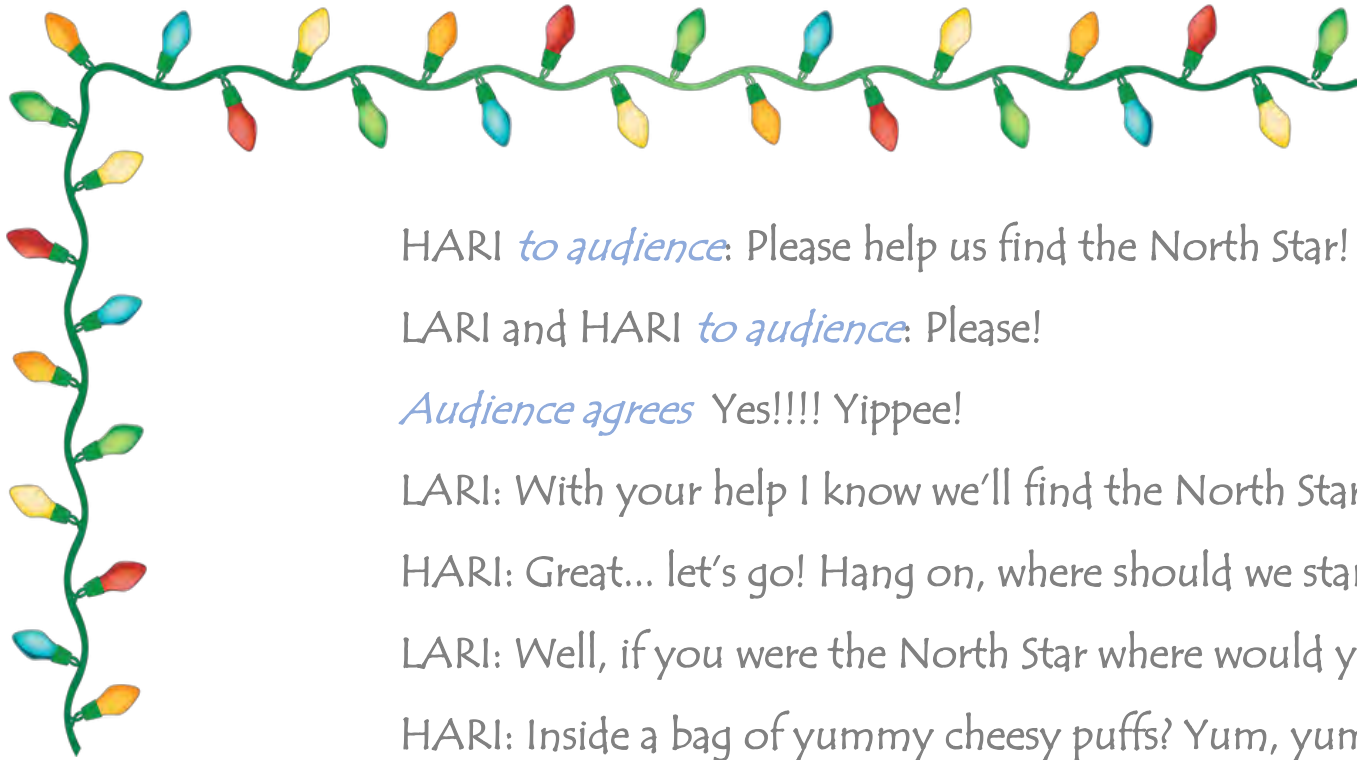
HARI: I'm so sorry.

LARI: Don't worry. We are in this together. Come on! There's only one thing for it: we will have to find the North Star, won't we!

HARI: Yes! Brilliant, we will have to go on a Star Hunt!

LARI: We've not got much time. We need all the help we can get. Maybe these brilliant people will help us. *To audience.* Will you help us find the North Star?





HARI *to audience*: Please help us find the North Star!

LARI and HARI *to audience*: Please!

Audience agrees Yes!!!! Yippee!

LARI: With your help I know we'll find the North Star.

HARI: Great... let's go! Hang on, where should we start?

LARI: Well, if you were the North Star where would you hide?

HARI: Inside a bag of yummy cheesy puffs? Yum, yum, yum.

LARI: No!! Silly... think bigger... remember she's this big, and really bright and verrrry magical... *(with actions – you can make up your own!)*

HARI: This big, really bright and verrrry magical... *(with the same actions.)*

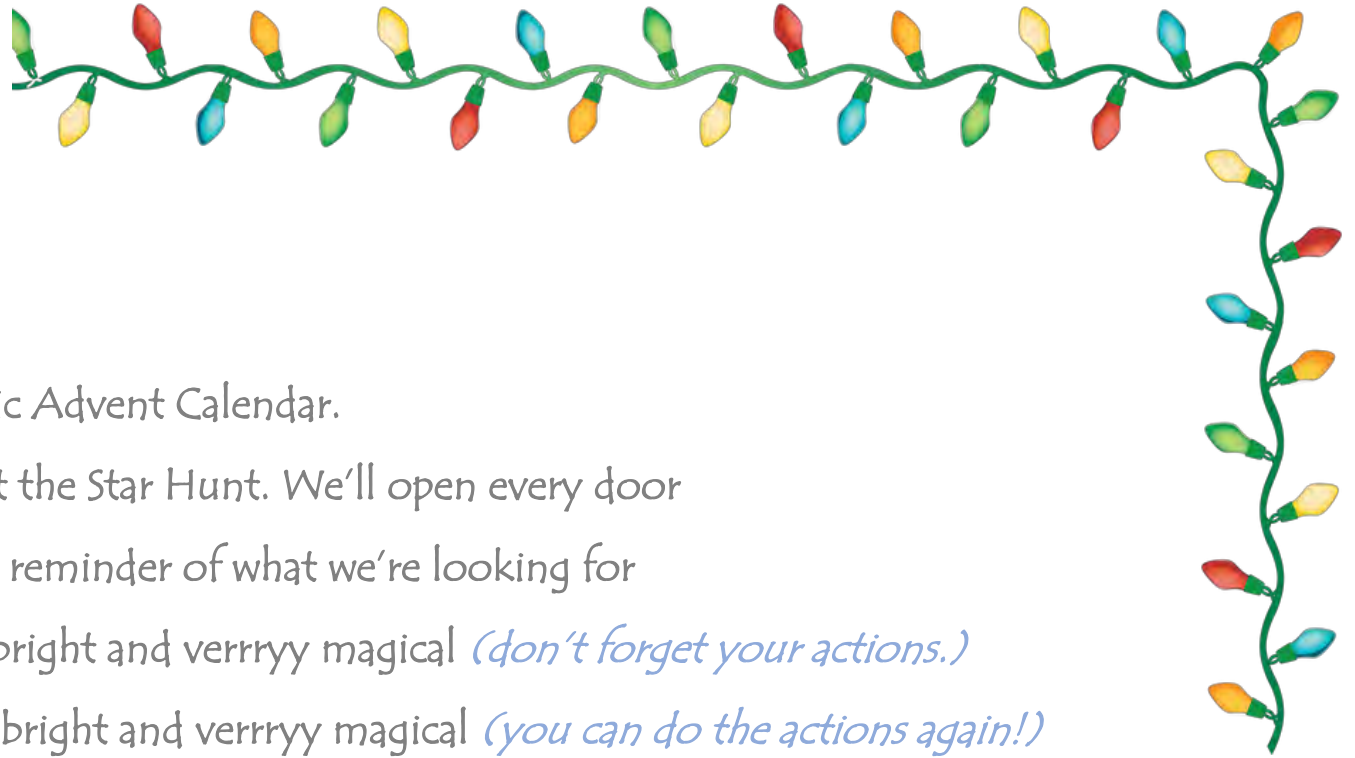
I KNOW! Maybe she's hiding in Santa's Gigantic Advent Calendar!

LARI: Great! Come on!

Here, Hari and Lari sing a song. You can sing one of your favourite songs to take you on a journey to the first advent calendar door!

Or you can play your favourite music.





LARI: We made it.

HARI: It's here.

BOTH: Santa's Gigantic Advent Calendar.

LARI: It's time to start the Star Hunt. We'll open every door

HARI: But let's have a reminder of what we're looking for

LARI: This big, really bright and verrryy magical *(don't forget your actions.)*

HARI: This big, really bright and verrryy magical *(you can do the actions again!)*

HARI and LARI sing The Twelve Days of Christmas – you can too! As you sing each verse, you can open each door to find the surprise behind it! Don't forget to make the surprises first! Remember, you're looking for the North Star...



On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me

A partridge in a pear tree.



On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me

Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.





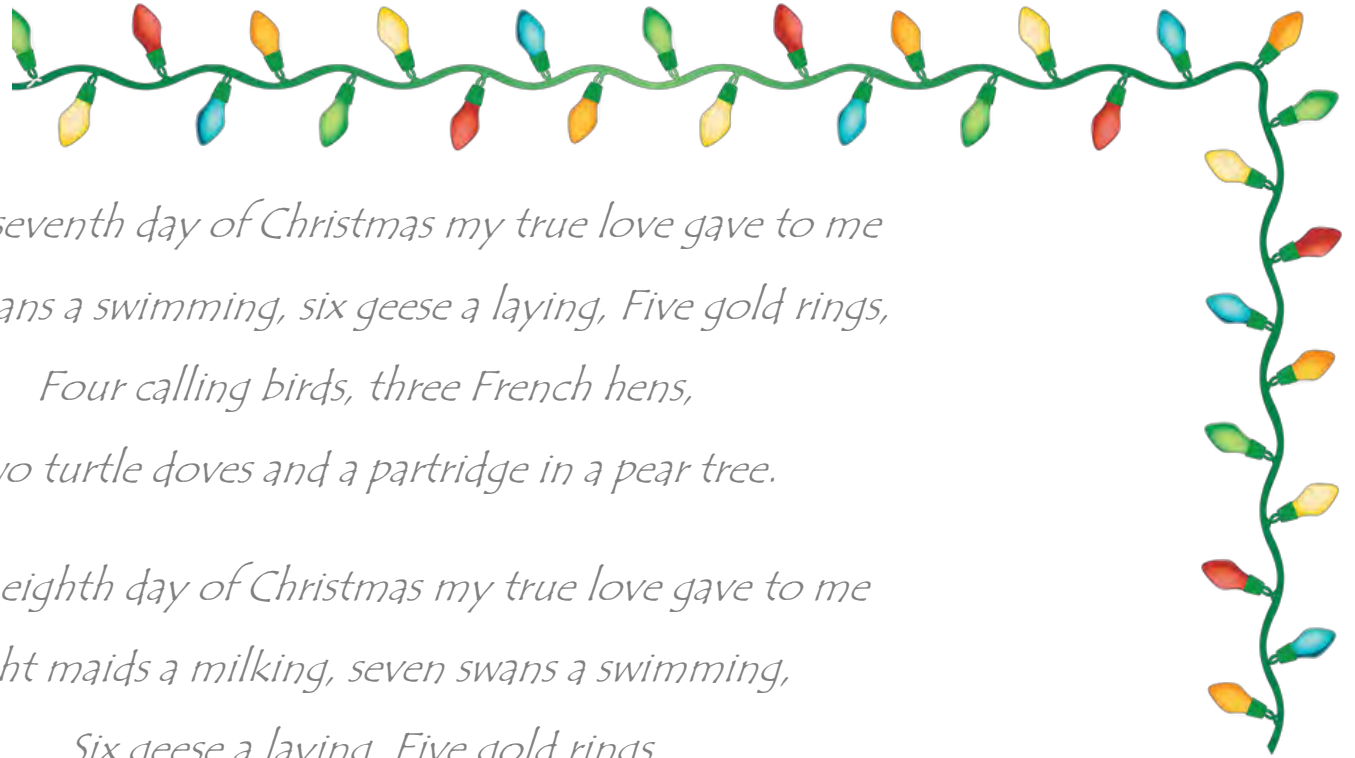
*On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Four calling birds, three French hens,
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Six geese a laying, Five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens,
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*





*On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, Five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens,
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Eight maids a milking, seven swans a swimming,
Six geese a laying, Five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens,
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking,
Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, Five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*



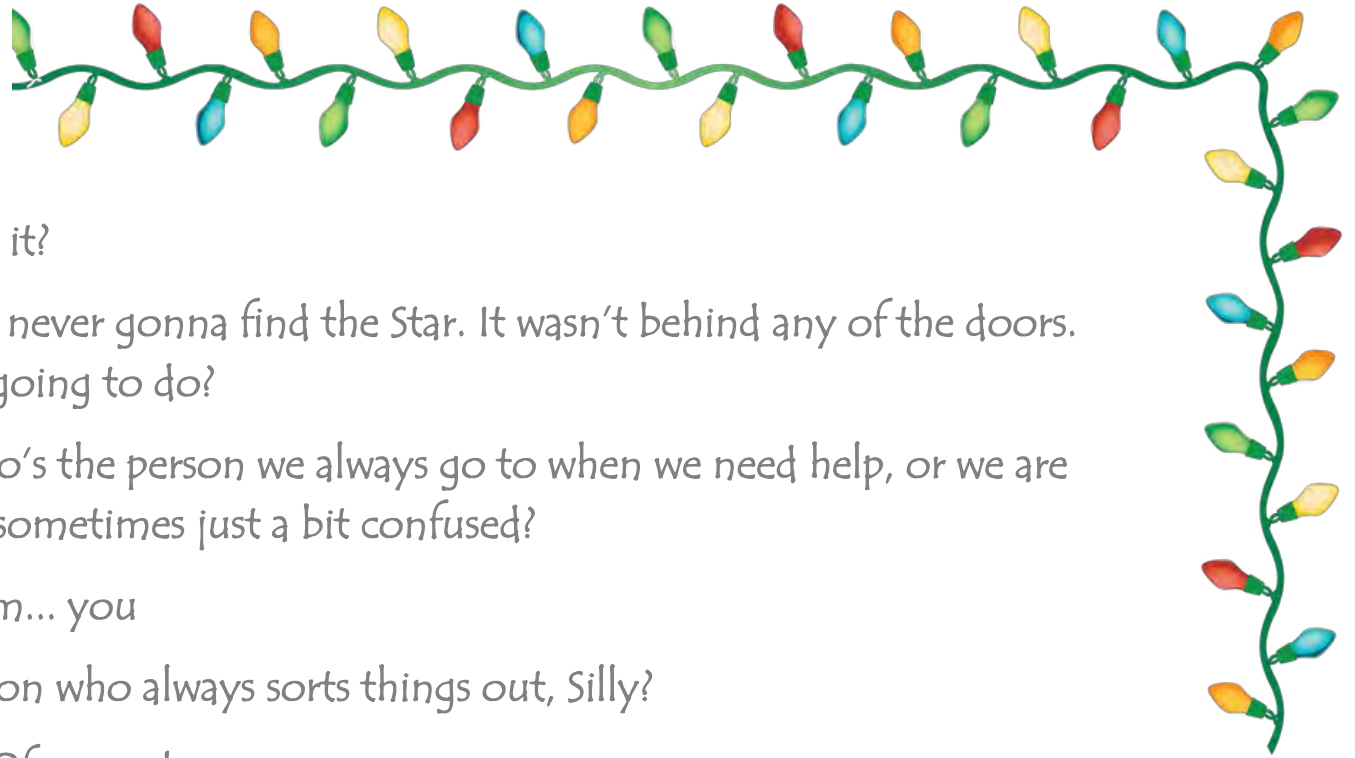


*On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Ten lords a leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking,
Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, Five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Eleven pipers piping, ten lords a leaping,
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking,
Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, Five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.*

*On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking,
Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, gasps five gold rings,
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree*





LARI: Have we found it?

HARI: No! Oh, we're never gonna find the Star. It wasn't behind any of the doors. Oh Lari, what are we going to do?

LARI: Hari, think, who's the person we always go to when we need help, or we are scared, or worried or sometimes just a bit confused?

HARI: Hari thinks Erm... you

LARI: Who's the person who always sorts things out, Silly?

HARI: MRS CLAUS! Of course!

LARI: Mrs C, exactly! She'll be able to help us find the North Star and save Christmas! Come on!





Scene 3

The Grotto (which can be next to your Christmas Tree or anywhere else you think is really Christmassy in your home...)

LARI: Mrs C!

HARI: Mrs. C! Oh no... she's not here. Without Mrs C, Christmas is definitely ruined. We're never going to find the North Star by ourselves.

LARI: HARI, wait. Look. *Goes to the note on mantelpiece (or this could be on your Christmas tree!) Gets note and sits down.*

HARI: A note – what does it say?

LARI: Gone to grow some more art. Back soon! Love Mrs C xxx

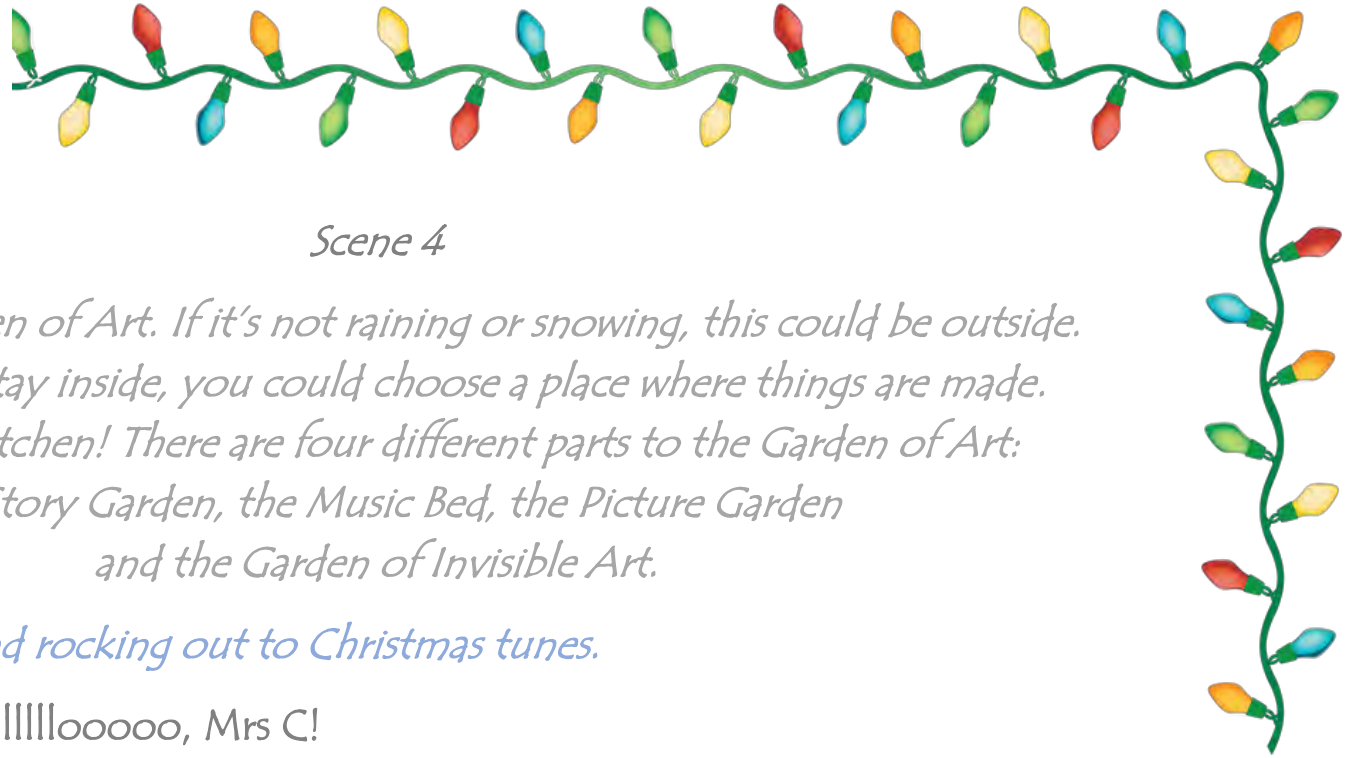
HARI: She's in her magic Garden of Art! Woo hoo! *HARI bounces up AND dances*

LARI: HARI, come on!!

HARI: To the Garden of Art!

They head off together. They are 'on a mission'. They are striding and being like super-heroes. At one-point Hari gets distracted and Lari pulls him back on course.





Scene 4

We arrive at Garden of Art. If it's not raining or snowing, this could be outside. If you'd rather stay inside, you could choose a place where things are made. Maybe your kitchen! There are four different parts to the Garden of Art: the Story Garden, the Music Bed, the Picture Garden and the Garden of Invisible Art.

Mrs C is gardening and rocking out to Christmas tunes.

HARI AND LARI: Ha!!!!looooo, Mrs C!

MRS C: Hello dear Hari and dear Lari. How splendid! And some new friends!

To audience: Hello! Welcome to my Garden of Art.

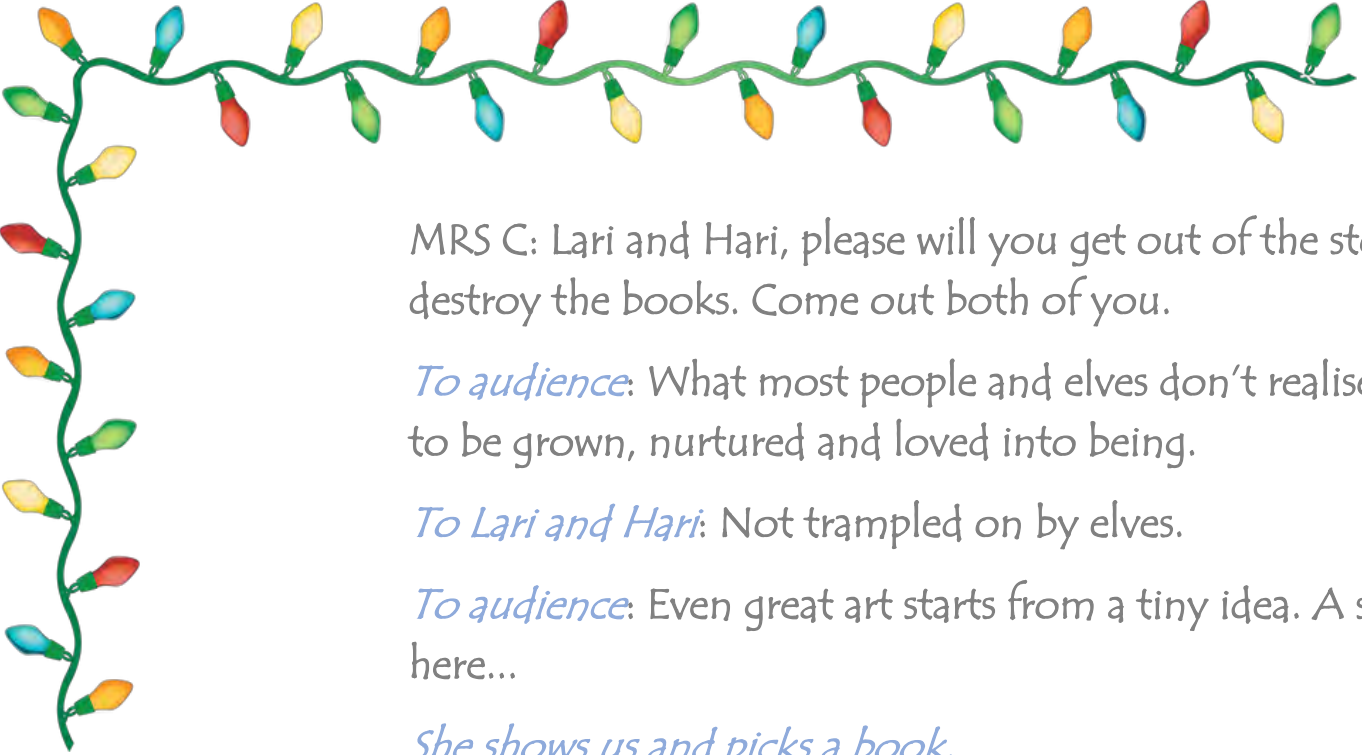
Hari and Lari are walking through part of the garden.

LARI: Sorry Mrs C. You haven't seen anything big...

HARI: And bright

LARI: And really magical just lying about have you?





MRS C: Lari and Hari, please will you get out of the story garden. You're going to destroy the books. Come out both of you.

To audience: What most people and elves don't realise is that all art is alive. It needs to be grown, nurtured and loved into being.

To Lari and Hari: Not trampled on by elves.

To audience: Even great art starts from a tiny idea. A seed of inspiration. You can see here...

She shows us and picks a book.

I planted lots of ideas last year and they've grown into these stories. This one is nearly fully grown!

She reads an extract of a story. This can be any story you like. Pick your favourite!

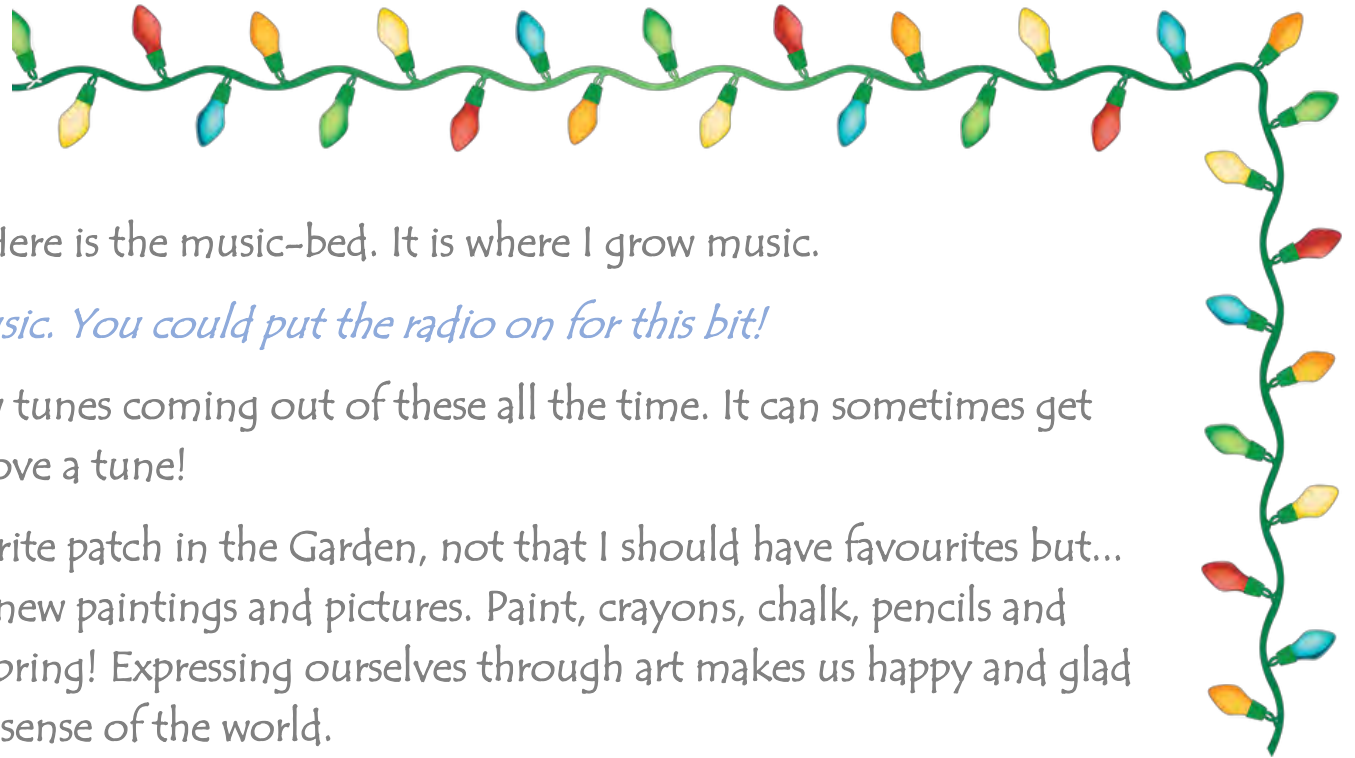
HARI interrupts her as LARI keeps searching for the North Star.

HARI: Over here Mrs C, tell them about over here!

MRS C: Oh Hari, please calm down dear-heart.

She goes over and climbs into the music-bed.





MRS C *to audience*: Here is the music-bed. It is where I grow music.

We hear different music. You could put the radio on for this bit!

MRS C: There are new tunes coming out of these all the time. It can sometimes get very noisy! But I do love a tune!

Now this is my favourite patch in the Garden, not that I should have favourites but... Here we are growing new paintings and pictures. Paint, crayons, chalk, pencils and even printing in the spring! Expressing ourselves through art makes us happy and glad and helps us to make sense of the world.

LARI: You know how you always say art helps us to understand each other. I think we may need some understanding.

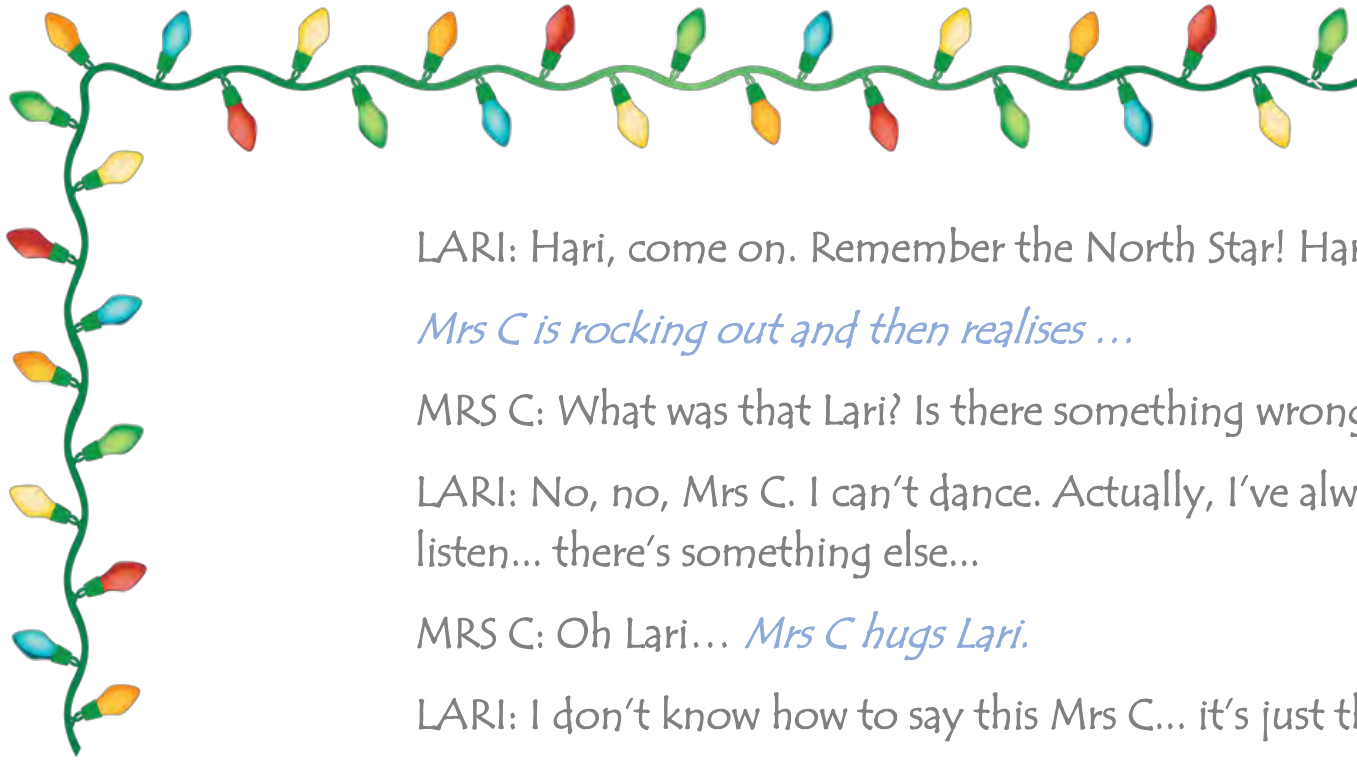
HARI: Here next! Here next! Here! Here!

MRS C: I'm coming! *Mrs C goes over to this 'Invisible' Art-Area*

MRS C *to audience*: Here is what I call the 'Invisible' Art. This area is the art that you can all do but you can't see it until you do it... like mime (*Hari starts to mime*) or dancing. Who likes a good dance? Oh! Marvellous!

Mrs C and Hari dance.





LARI: Hari, come on. Remember the North Star! Hari! Christmas is going to be ruined!

Mrs C is rocking out and then realises ...

MRS C: What was that Lari? Is there something wrong? Join me for a dance dear heart?

LARI: No, no, Mrs C. I can't dance. Actually, I've always wished I could dance... but listen... there's something else...

MRS C: Oh Lari... *Mrs C hugs Lari.*

LARI: I don't know how to say this Mrs C... it's just that...

HARI: Ohhhh holds his tummy I should probably tell her shouldn't I...

Lari nods.

MRS C: What is it? You know you can tell me anything...

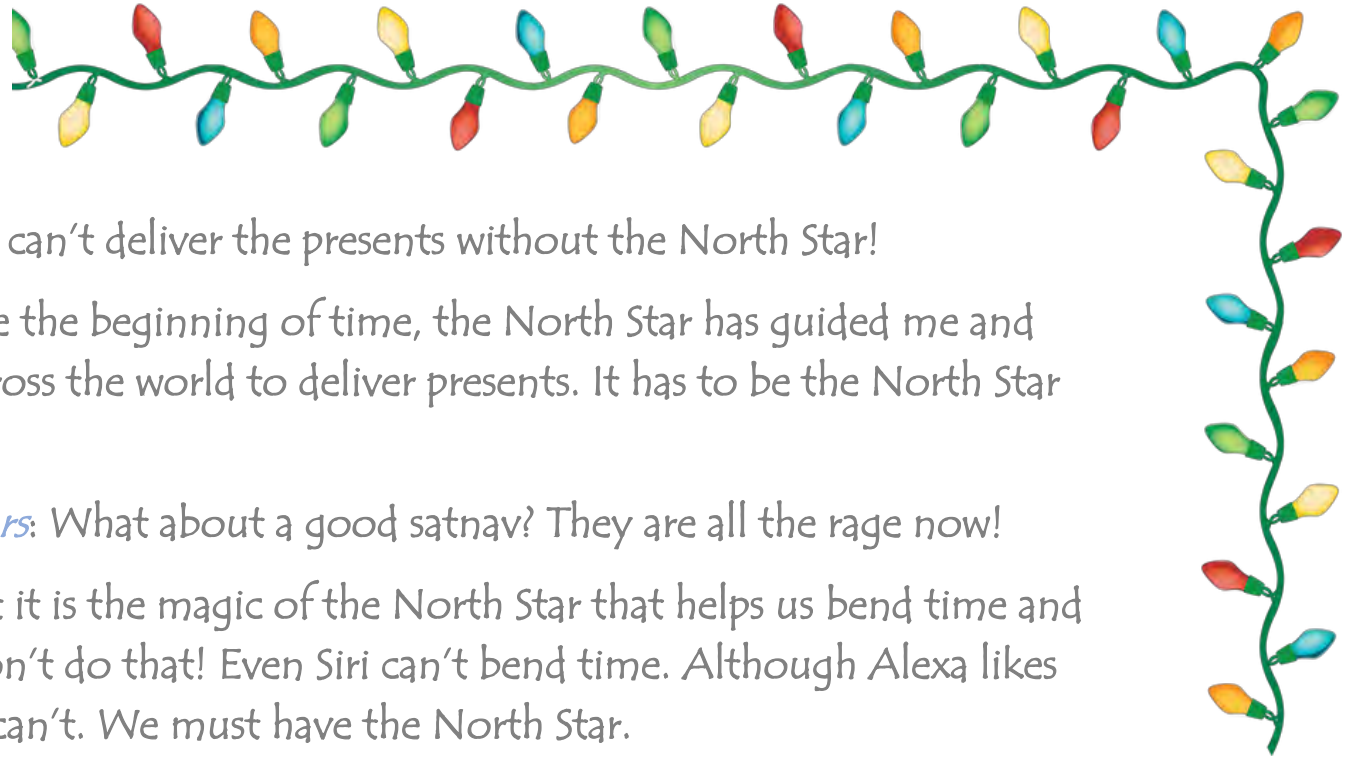
HARI and LARI begin to cry.

Oh dear, what's the matter? You poor things. What's happened?

LARI: We've lost the North Star.

HARI: No Lari, don't protect me. I lost the North Star, Mrs C. *They begin to cry.*





MRS C: Oh, no. Santa can't deliver the presents without the North Star!

To the audience: Since the beginning of time, the North Star has guided me and Santa to homes all across the world to deliver presents. It has to be the North Star that guides us.

HARI *through his tears:* What about a good satnav? They are all the rage now!

MRS C: But dear heart it is the magic of the North Star that helps us bend time and space. A TomTom won't do that! Even Siri can't bend time. Although Alexa likes to think she can, she can't. We must have the North Star.

They cry even harder

HARI: We're so sorry Mrs C.

LARI: So very sorry.

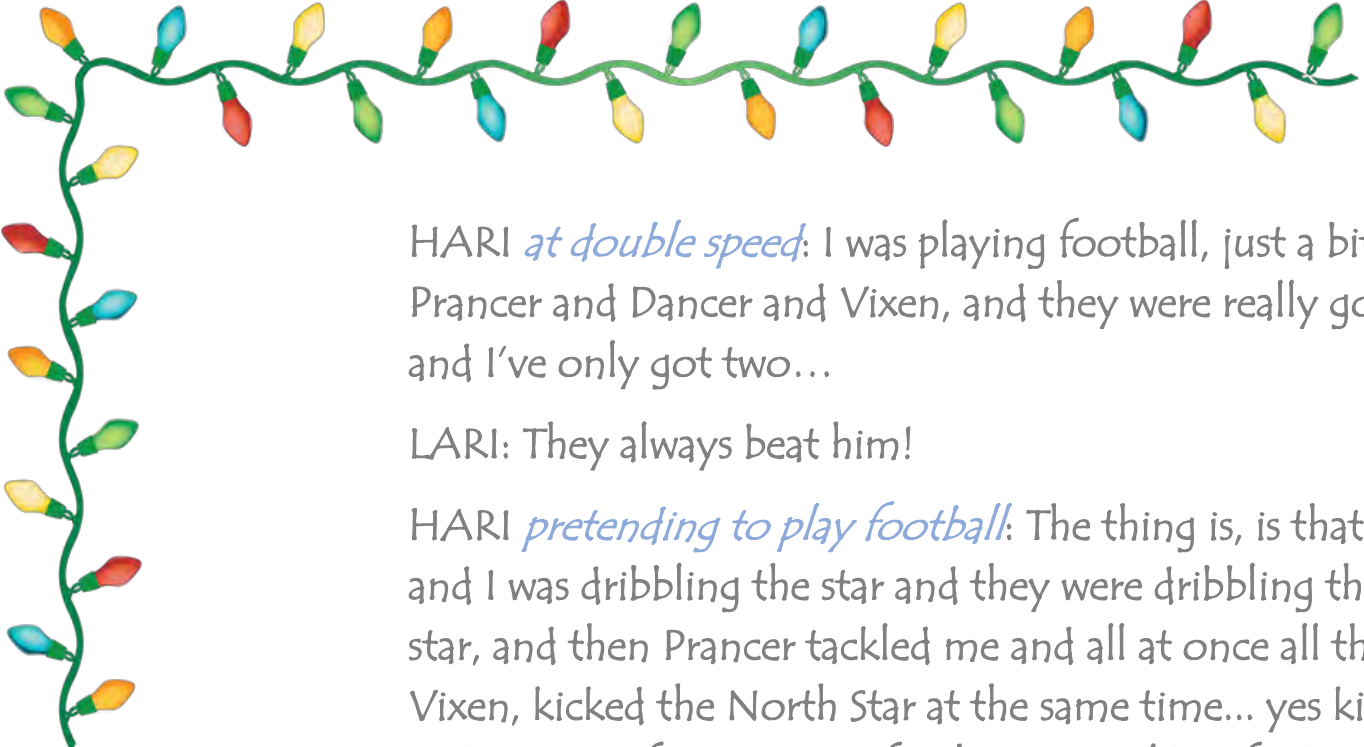
MRS C: Calm yourselves. It'll be OK, dear hearts... You've been honest and that's what matters. We will find a way. It'll all come right in the end.

LARI: But we've looked everywhere and we can't find it...

HARI: We can't find it anywhere.

MRS C: Let me think. How did you lose it?





HARI *at double speed*: I was playing football, just a bit of a kick-about – me and Prancer and Dancer and Vixen, and they were really good, 'cos they've got four legs and I've only got two...

LARI: They always beat him!

HARI *pretending to play football*: The thing is, is that, we were running and tumbling and I was dribbling the star and they were dribbling the star, then I was dribbling the star, and then Prancer tackled me and all at once all three of them, Prancer, Dancer and Vixen, kicked the North Star at the same time... yes kicked the North Star really hard and REALLY far away... so far that we couldn't find it!

MRS C: You say Prancer, Dancer and Vixen kicked the North Star all at once? 12 legs?

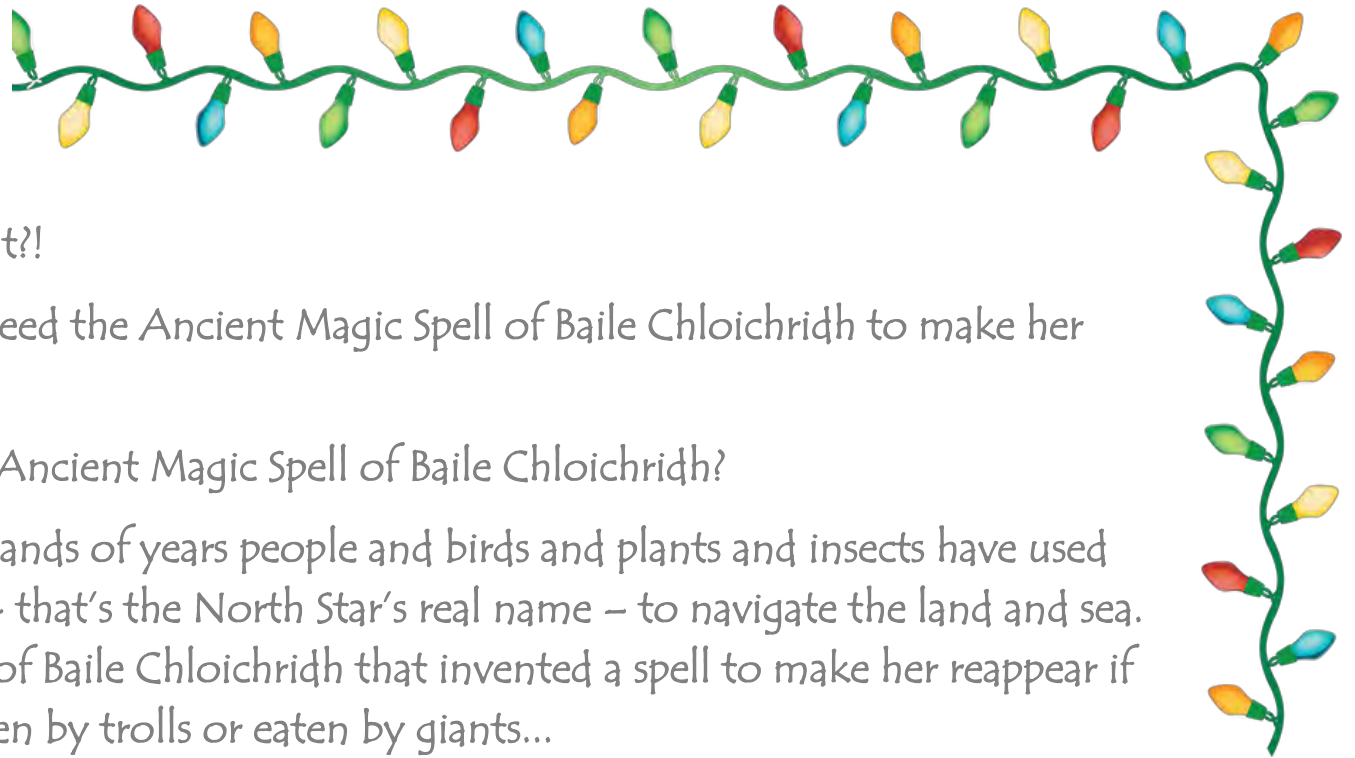
HARI and LARI: Yes!

MRS C: Right, I know where it is! With that level of hoof-force, the North Star must have been kicked so far that it's been sucked into a super-massive black hole.

HARI and LARI: EH?

MRS C: In Outer space. If I'm right and the North Star has been sucked into a super-massive black hole, you'll need to go to Outer Space to get her back.





HARI and LARI: What?!

MRS C: AND you'll need the Ancient Magic Spell of Baile Chloichridh to make her appear...

HARI and LARI: The Ancient Magic Spell of Baile Chloichridh?

MRS C: Yes, for thousands of years people and birds and plants and insects have used the power of Polaris – that's the North Star's real name – to navigate the land and sea. But it was the people of Baile Chloichridh that invented a spell to make her reappear if she was ever lost, stolen by trolls or eaten by giants...

HARI: Did it mention being kicked by magical reindeer? LARI glares at HARI

MRS C: With the Ancient Magic Spell of Baile Chloichridh we might just get her back and save Christmas.

We've no more time to waste.

Lari. Hari. Back to the grotto to find my magical spell book!





Scene 5

Back in the area you've chosen to be your Grotto...

MRS C: Now, where did I put it?

They search. Lari finds it in Rudolph's stocking. (You could have this on your shelf on underneath your tree!)

LARI: Mrs C, it's here.

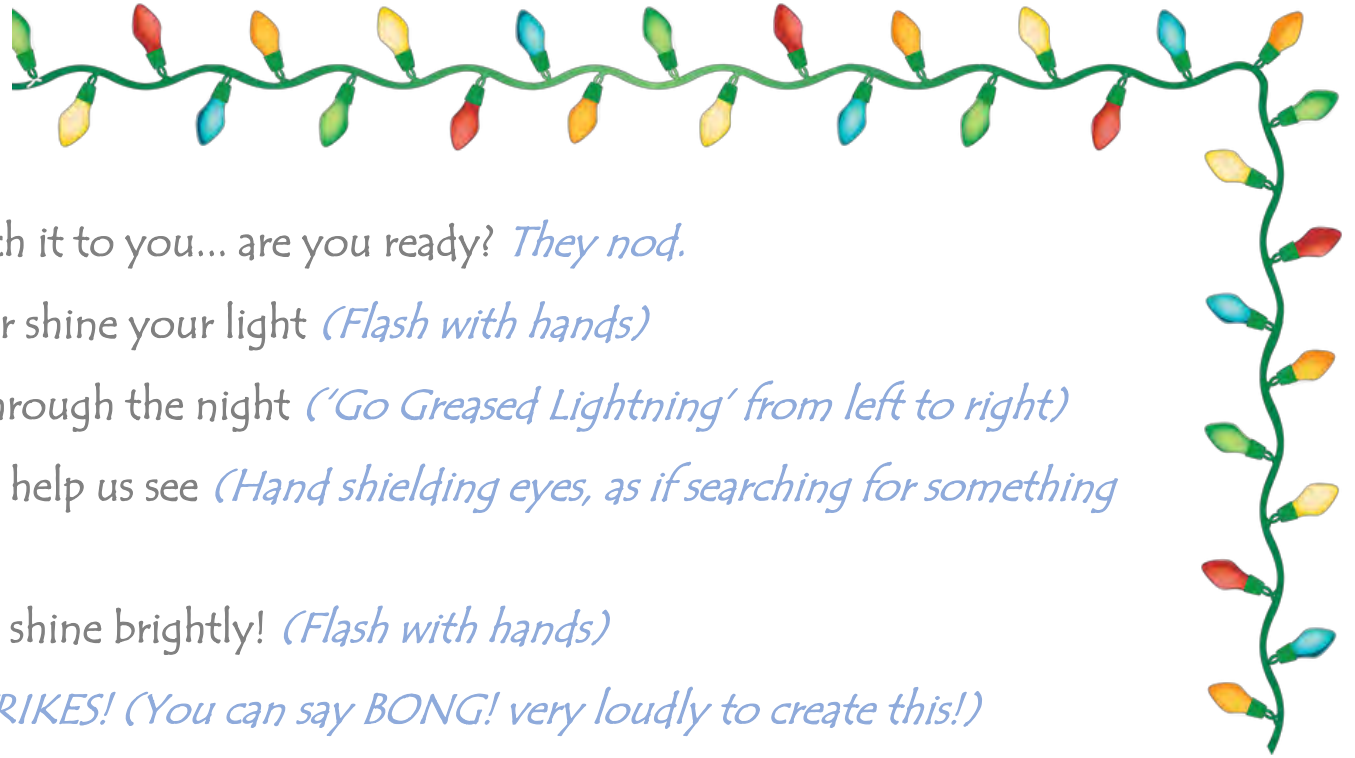
MRS C: Clever Lari. I hid it in Rudolph's stocking for safe-keeping. He's very trustworthy ol' Rudy. *She opens the book.* They gather around her. Right... here we go... To retrieve the North Star if it has been lost, stolen by trolls or eaten by giants –

LARI: Or sucked into a super-massive black hole. *Hari and Lari hi-five!*

MRS C: Yes, or sucked into a super-massive black hole, speak these words loudly, kindly and with good humour... I think we can do that... *she mutters her way through it*

Ancient Magic Spell of Baile Chloichridh
North Star, North Star shine your light
Guide our sleigh all through the night
Please come back and help us see
Please come back and shine brightly!





ALL: Now let me teach it to you... are you ready? *They nod.*

North Star, North Star shine your light *(Flash with hands)*

Guide our sleigh all through the night *(‘Go Greased Lightning’ from left to right)*

Please come back and help us see *(Hand shielding eyes, as if searching for something from right to left)*

Please come back and shine brightly! *(Flash with hands)*

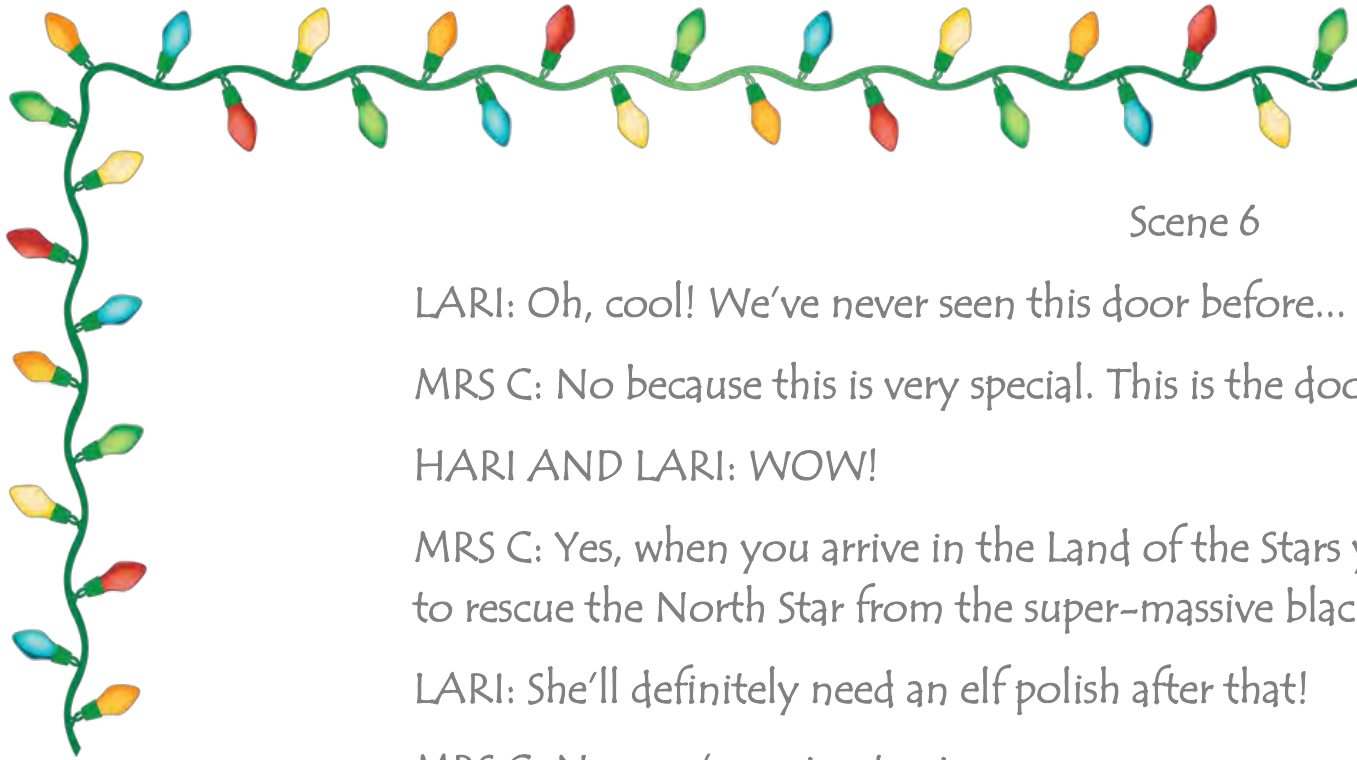
CLOCK STRIKES! (You can say BONG! very loudly to create this!)

MRS C: Oh no! Time is running out. You must rescue the North Star to save Christmas! This way...

She takes them to a door they’ve never seen. This is the door that leads you into Outer Space and your Land of the Stars...

In your production, this could be the door that leads to the Land of the Stars.





Scene 6

LARI: Oh, cool! We've never seen this door before...

MRS C: No because this is very special. This is the door to outer space.

HARI AND LARI: WOW!

MRS C: Yes, when you arrive in the Land of the Stars you should be able to use the spell to rescue the North Star from the super-massive black hole.

LARI: She'll definitely need an elf polish after that!

MRS C: Now we're going to sing you on your way... to help you go super speed...

To audience: Jingle bells my new friends!



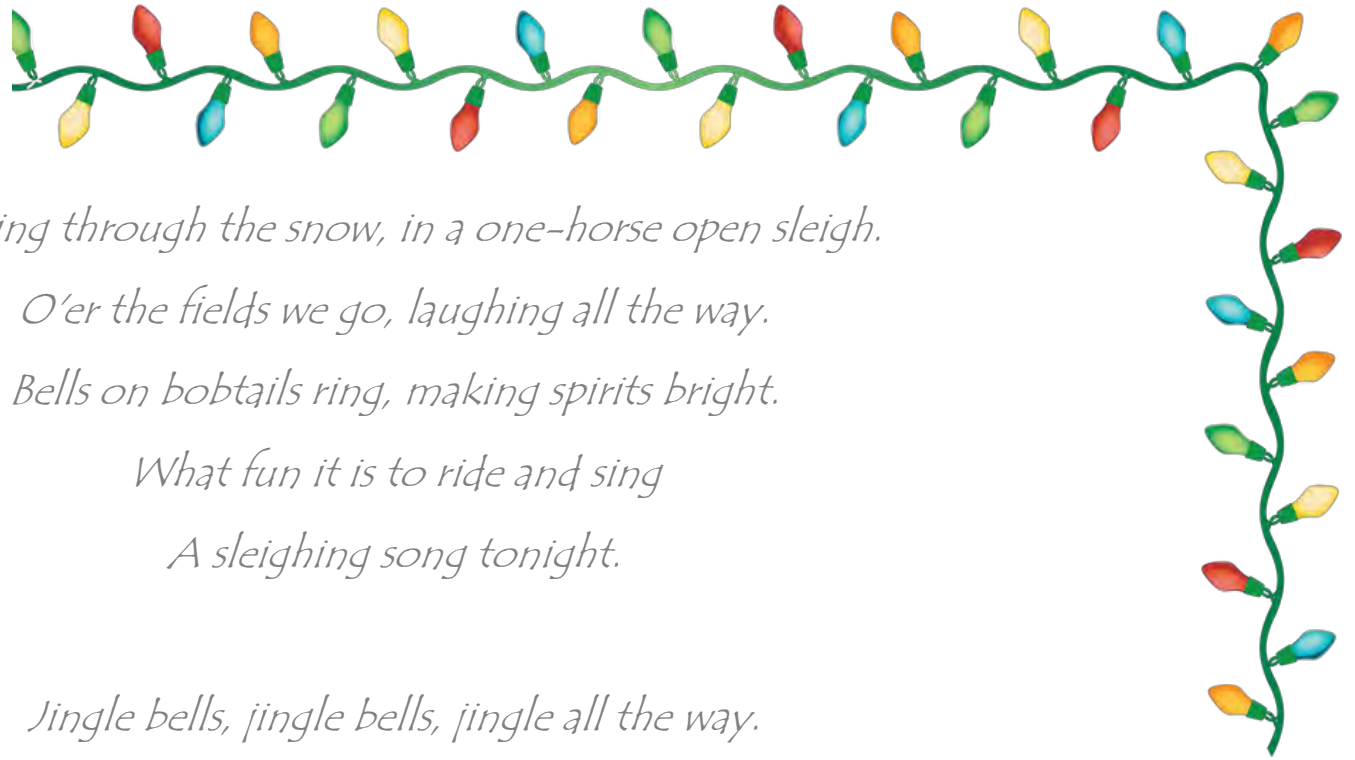
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride, in a one-horse open sleigh.





Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh.

O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.

Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright.

What fun it is to ride and sing

A sleighing song tonight.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one-horse open sleigh.



HARI and LARI: Thanks for all your help MRS C! Elves to the rescue!

They go through the door.





Scene 7

The elves enter outer-space, The Land of the Stars.

Santa is pacing and looking worried. He's on his Space Train. He doesn't notice the visitors have arrived. He is muttering and doing some actions... the right ones but NOT in the right order.

HARI: What is Santa doing here?

LARI: I've no idea.

HARI goes to open the door to go back through it.

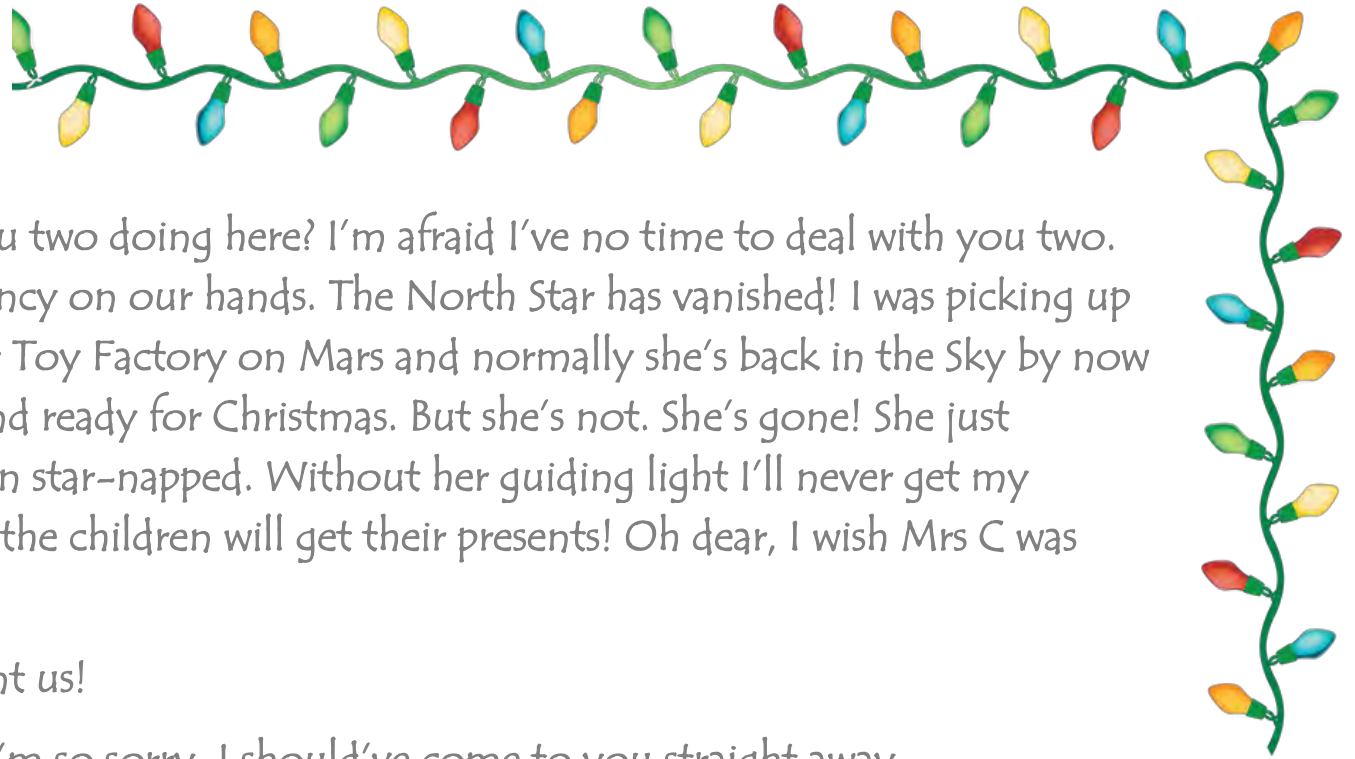
LARI: Where on earth do you think you're going?

HARI: Santa's going to be soooooo upset.

LARI: And really disappointed. Well we have to face the music at some point. And be honest with him. Maybe he can help us rescue the North Star!

HARI: You're right. *To Santa.* Santa!





SANTA: What are you two doing here? I'm afraid I've no time to deal with you two. We've got an emergency on our hands. The North Star has vanished! I was picking up the presents from our Toy Factory on Mars and normally she's back in the Sky by now all shiny and bright and ready for Christmas. But she's not. She's gone! She just disappeared. She's been star-napped. Without her guiding light I'll never get my bearings and none of the children will get their presents! Oh dear, I wish Mrs C was here to help!

LARI: Wait, Mrs C sent us!

HARI: Please, Santa. I'm so sorry. I should've come to you straight away.

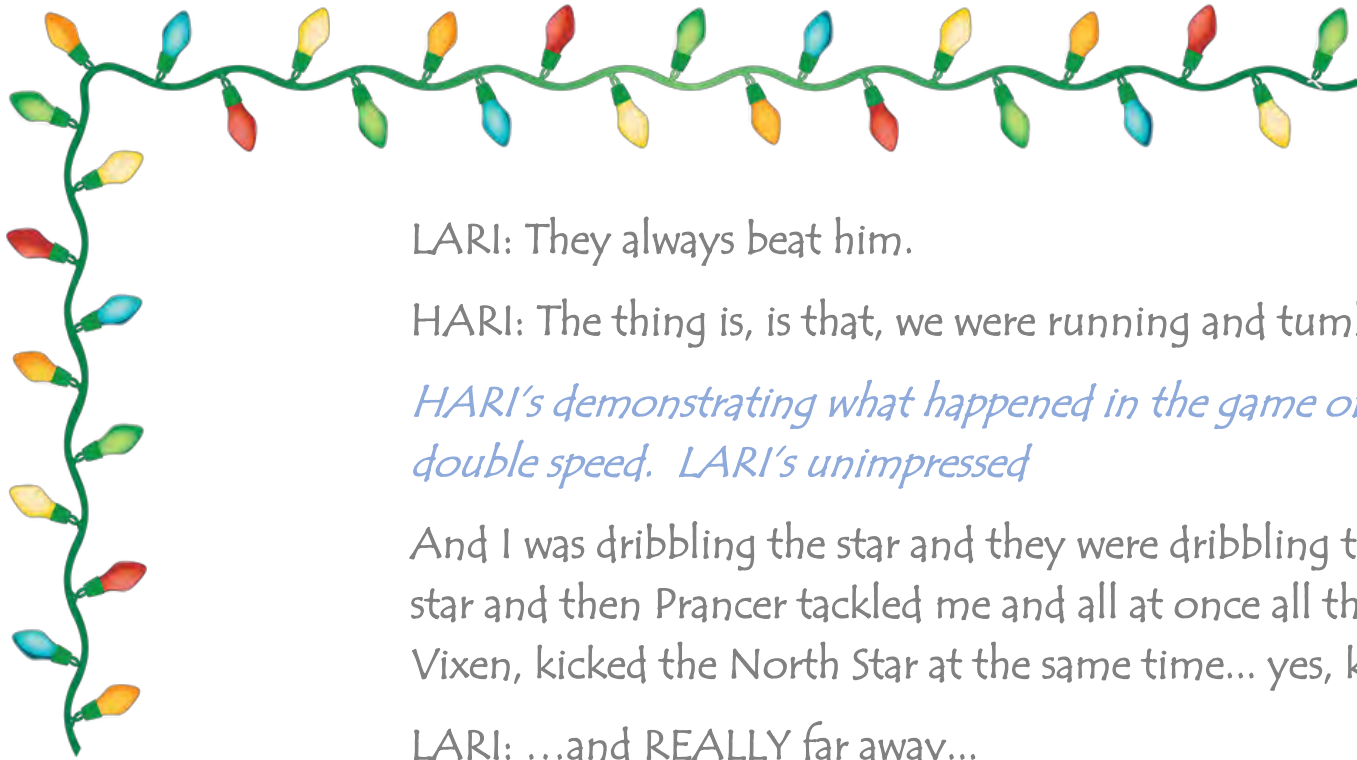
SANTA: What are you talking about?

HARI: Well...

LARI nudges him encouragingly

HARI: Well I was doing my chores and I was about to help Lari by polishing the North Star... but I decided to play football with her instead... just a bit of a kick-about - me and Prancer and Dancer and Vixen, and they were really good 'cos they've got four legs and I've only got two...





LARI: They always beat him.

HARI: The thing is, is that, we were running and tumbling.

HARI's demonstrating what happened in the game of football whilst speaking at double speed. LARI's unimpressed

And I was dribbling the star and they were dribbling the star, then I was dribbling the star and then Prancer tackled me and all at once all three of them, Prancer, Dancer and Vixen, kicked the North Star at the same time... yes, kicked the North Star really hard

LARI: ...and REALLY far away...

HARI: So far that we couldn't find it. So... I know it's better to be honest. I'm so sorry.

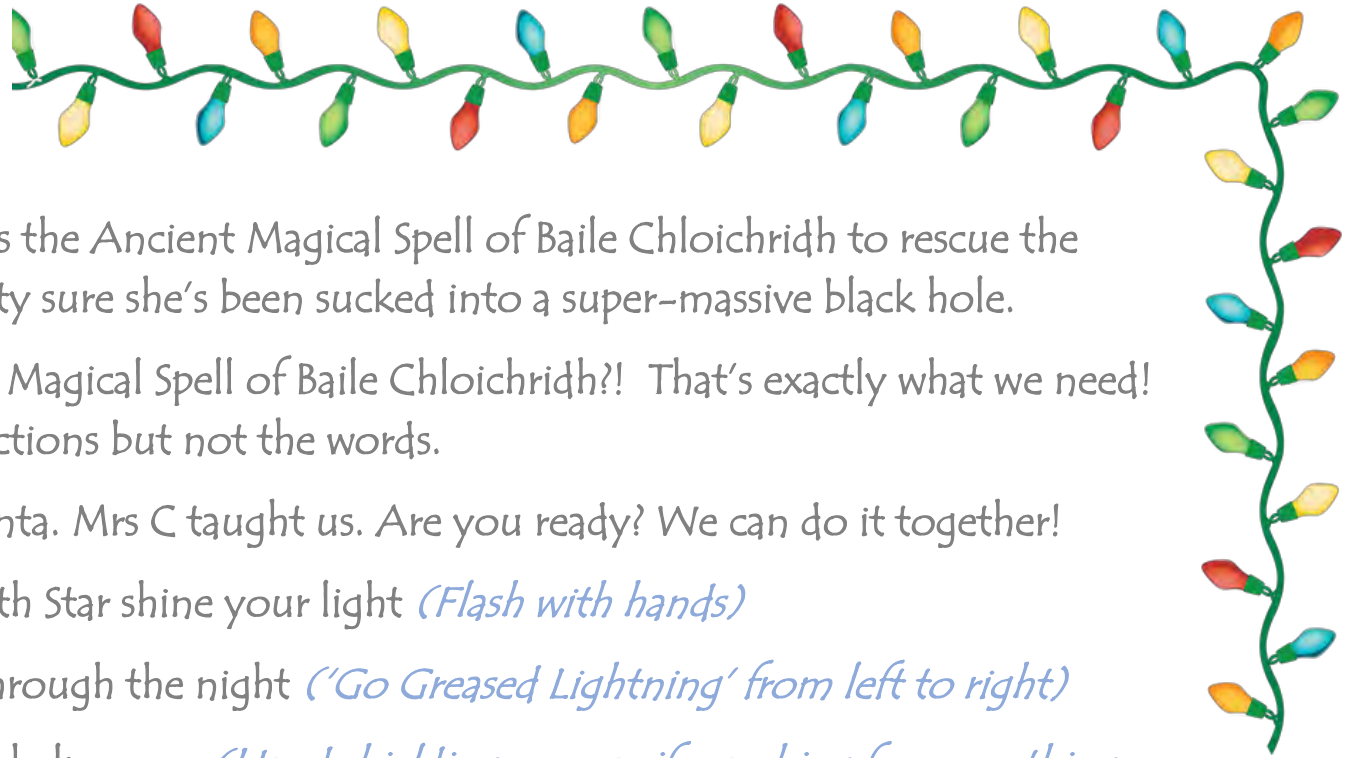
LARI: We're so sorry...

SANTA: Oh no! What were you thinking? What are we going to do? Christmas is ruined. This is a disaster.

HARI: Please let me make it right. We didn't know what to do so we just went to Mrs C and told the truth.

SANTA: Very wise of you if anyone can fix this she can!





LARI: She has given us the Ancient Magical Spell of Baile Chloichridh to rescue the North Star! She's pretty sure she's been sucked into a super-massive black hole.

SANTA: The Ancient Magical Spell of Baile Chloichridh?! That's exactly what we need! I can remember the actions but not the words.

LARI: Don't worry Santa. Mrs C taught us. Are you ready? We can do it together!

ALL: North Star, North Star shine your light *(Flash with hands)*

Guide our sleigh all through the night *(Go Greased Lightning' from left to right)*

Please come back and help us see *(Hand shielding eyes, as if searching for something from right to left)*

Please come back and shine brightly! *(Flash with hands)*

The North Star does not appear!

SANTA: Oh NO!

HARI: It's not worked.

LARI: Let's try it again.

They try again.





ALL: North Star, North Star shine your light *(Flash with hands)*

Guide our sleigh all through the night *(‘Go Greased Lightning’ from left to right)*

Please come back and help us see *(Hand shielding eyes, as if searching for something from right to left)*

Please come back and shine brightly! *(Flash with hands)*

It doesn't work. Santa and HARI begin to cry

LARI: I don't understand.

HARI: It's not worked.

SANTA: What are we going to do?

MRS C appears at the door.

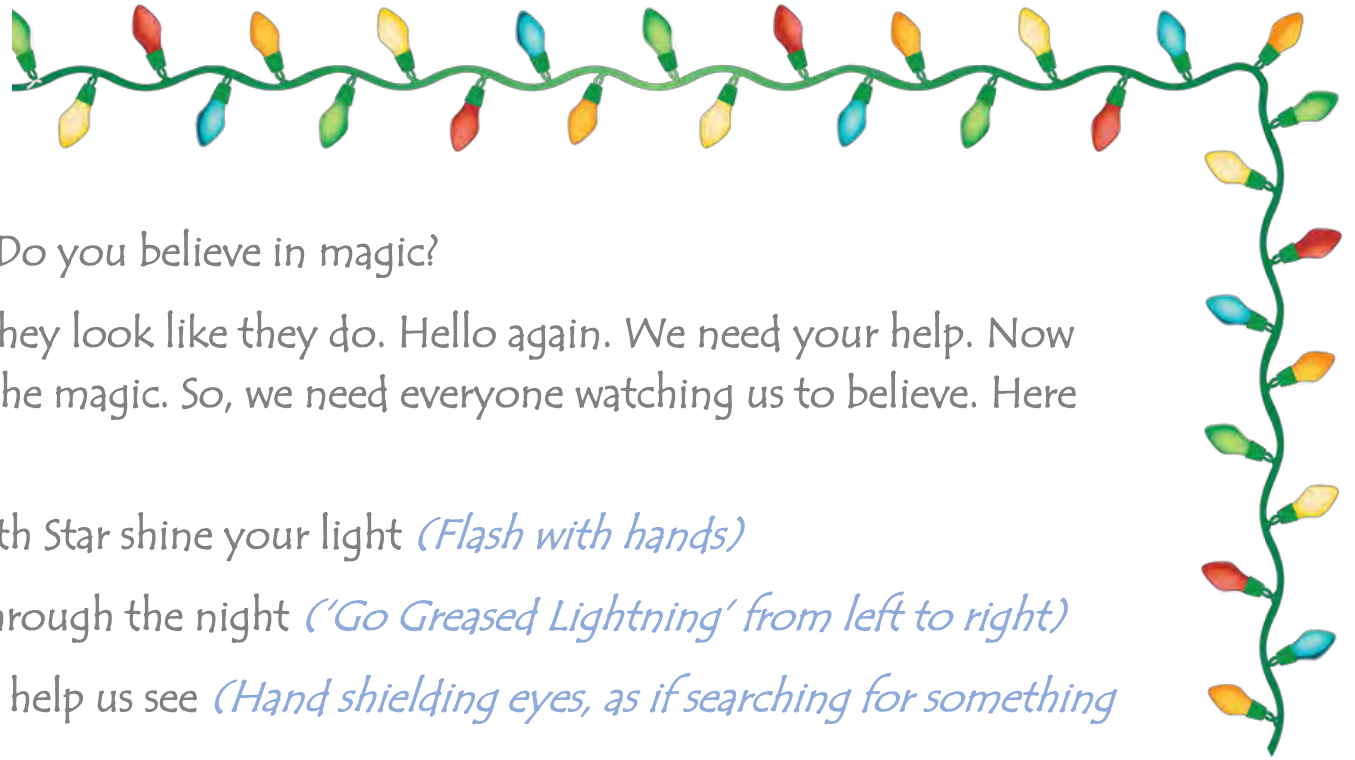
MRS C: Maybe you need my help.

SANTA: Oh, Mrs C – thank goodness you're here!

MRS C: Don't worry, my dears. Rudolph is holding the fort. Now, let's get this sorted.

Time is running out. We must rescue the North Star! Santa, the magic will only work if everyone watching believes.






SANTA *to audience*: Do you believe in magic?

MRS C *to audience*: They look like they do. Hello again. We need your help. Now remember... belief is the magic. So, we need everyone watching us to believe. Here we go...

ALL: North Star, North Star shine your light (*Flash with hands*)

Guide our sleigh all through the night (*'Go Greased Lightning' from left to right*)

Please come back and help us see (*Hand shielding eyes, as if searching for something from right to left*)

 Please come back and shine brightly! (*Flash with hands*)
North Star appears!

LARI AND HARI: She's beautiful!

SANTA *to audience*: Hooray! The North Star is back with her guiding light to help us deliver the presents... Christmas is saved! Thank you so much.

MRS C *to audience*: Well, what a relief!

SANTA: Now that's sorted... Hari.





HARI: Yes, Santa.

SANTA: Do you understand the trouble you caused?

HARI: Yes, Santa. I'm so sorry. I promise I won't do it again.

SANTA: Good.

HARI: And I also promise to always come and tell you and Mrs C when I've done something wrong.

MRS C: When you've made a mistake. It was a mistake Hari. And we all make those from time to time, even Santa. And remember if we share our mistakes with others they can help us. And everything can get sorted out.

HARI: Thanks, Mrs C. *LARI gives HARI a big hug.*

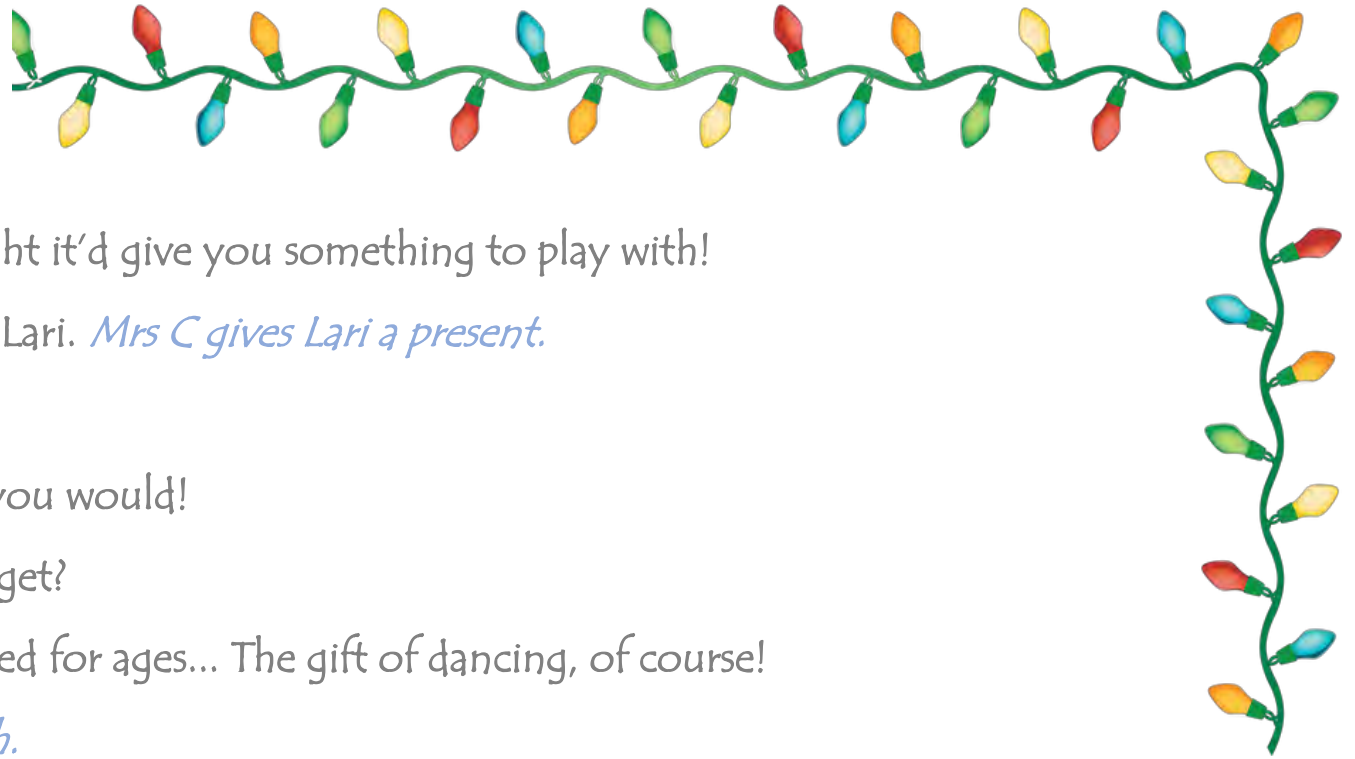
MRS C: Right Santa are you ready to get going? We need to pick up the Reindeer.

SANTA: Yes. No time to waste. Oooo before we go! I nearly forgot. Hari. Lari.

Santa gets two presents out of his sack. He hands Mrs C Lari's present and gives Hari a present. Hari opens the present.

HARI: A football! Oh, thank you!





SANTA: Well I thought it'd give you something to play with!

MRS C: Here you go, Lari. *Mrs C gives Lari a present.*

LARI: Oh, I love it!

MRS C: We thought you would!

HARI: What did you get?

LARI: What I've wanted for ages... The gift of dancing, of course!

Santa and Mrs C laugh.

Lari is over the moon with his football.

And LARI sprinkles the dust (this is imaginary glitter... or you could use tinsel) everywhere and everyone begins to dance. (Put on your favourite Christmas music and have a good dance!)

THE END







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