



# Elfis and The Sleigh Riders

A Rockin' Holiday Musical For Young Voices

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## CHARACTERS:

Elfis  
Santa Claus  
Mrs. Claus  
Stanley, the bass player  
Jerry Lee, the piano player  
Bix, the drummer  
Aretha, a background singer  
Mariah, a background singer  
Celine, a background singer  
Elves, any number, 4 speaking  
Reindeer, any number, 8 speaking

**SETTING:** The North Pole

**TIME:** The Holiday season

*Most of the elves and reindeer are gathered onstage. They begin chanting, quietly at first, then getting louder and louder. They pronounce "Elfis" distinctly with two syllables in a rhythmic manner.*

**All:** Elfis! Elfis! Elfis! Elfis!...

*Elfis enters the area with his guitar. He waves at the gathered crowd. The moment he appears, the chanting stops and cheering and clapping begins, ad lib.*

**Elfis:** Thank you very much. Thank you.

*The opening song begins as the cheering is dying down.*

**OPENING SONG:** "Uh-huh-huh"

*After the song, the group claps again.*

**Elfis:** Thank you very much.

**Elf #1:** Elfis, you were wonderful!

**Elf #2:** You're the best!

**Elf #3:** Santa Claus likes you, too!

**Elf #4:** Wait till you see the surprise he has for you!

*Jingle bells are heard offstage. They continue as Santa and Mrs. Claus enter the stage with a few reindeer. With them are Stanley, Jerry Lee, Bix, Aretha, Mariah, and Celine. When they stop, so do the jingle bells. (One of the reindeer could either be carrying the bells, or wearing them.)*

**Santa:** Ho ho ho! Hello everyone!

**All:** Hi, Santa!

**Reindeer #1:** We have a surprise for Elfis today!

**Santa:** Elfis, how would you like to have your own band?

**Elfis:** Yeah. That's cool.

**Mrs. Claus:** We found you some musicians!

**Reindeer #2:** Would you like to meet them?

**Elfis:** Uh huh.

**Reindeer #3:** This is the bass player. His name is Stanley.

**Stanley:** *(with a contemporary coolness)* Yo. What's up?

*Stanley and Elfis shake hands.*

**Reindeer #4:** This is the piano player. His name is Jerry Lee.

**Jerry Lee:** *(enthusiastically)* Hey man! How's it goin'?

*Jerry Lee and Elfis shake hands.*

**Reindeer #5:** This is the drummer. His name is Bix.

**Bix:** *(in a laid-back, beatnik-like manner)* Hey. Like, nice to meet you, man.

*Bix and Elfis shake hands.*

**Reindeer #6:** And these are your background singers: Aretha, Mariah, and Celine.

*Aretha picks a pitch and hums it on Hmmmmm. Mariah joins her a third above. Celine joins on the fifth of the chord to form a triad.*

**All three in their triad:** Hello.

*(One of the three directs and cuts off the greeting.)*

**Elfis:** *(waving to them)* Howdy.

**Reindeer #7:** Wow! This is great! Elfis has a band!

**Reindeer #8:** Yeah! Now all they need is a name.

**Elf #1:** Good point. What should we call them?

**All (ad lib):** Hmmmm., I don't know., What do you think?, What would be a good name?, Let's see?, A name for a band., etc.

**Elf #2:** How about "Sled Doggie Dog"?

**All (ad lib):** No., Nah., I don't think so., etc.

**Elf #3:** How about "The Reindeer Wranglers"?

**All Reindeer:** *(in an insulted tone)* Hey.

**Elf #3:** Never mind.

**Elf #4:** Well, how about "Smashing Icicles"?

**All (ad lib):** Naw., That's not it either., It's been done., etc.

**Elf #1:** How about "The Rolling Snowballs"?

**All (ad lib):** Huh-uh., That's not it., No., Nope., etc.

**Elf #2:** I've got it! How about "Elfis and The Sleigh Riders"?

**All (ad lib):** Yeah!, That's it!, That's great!, Elfis and The Sleigh Riders!, What a terrific name!, That's a good idea!, Oh, I like that name!, That fits them perfectly!, etc.

*While the group is cheering, the band comes together in formation.*

**Mrs. Claus:** Elfis, could we hear a song?

**Elfis:** Uh huh.

**SONG:** "Ev'rybody's Goin' On A Sleigh Ride"

*After the song, the gang applauds and cheers again. When they stop, Aretha speaks.*

**Aretha:** Elfis, I think you should let me sing a solo.

**Jerry Lee:** That's a great idea!

**Mariah:** No, no, no. I think I should sing a solo.

**Stanley:** You go, girl.

**Celine:** Excuse me. I think I deserve a solo.

**Bix:** Like, now you're talkin'.

**Celine:** *(sings a little in an anthem-like voice)* Near, fa...

**Aretha:** *(interrupting Celine)* Oh, be quiet!

**Celine:** Don't you tell me to be quiet!

**Mariah:** Both of you be quiet! I'm going to sing a solo.

**Aretha, Mariah, Celine (ad lib):** *(bickering)* I am., No, I am., Me., It's my solo., etc.

**Jerry Lee:** I think Aretha should sing.

**Stanley:** No, Mariah should sing.

**Bix:** Like, no way. Like, Celine's got the pipes.

**Jerry Lee:** Aretha!

**Stanley:** Mariah!

**Bix:** Celine!

**Jerry Lee, Stanley, Bix (ad lib):** *(continuing to argue for their respective favorites)* Aretha!, Mariah!, Celine!, etc. *Aretha, Mariah, and Celine argue simultaneously.*

**Aretha, Mariah, Celine (ad lib):** I should sing!, No, me!, No, me!, I'm the best soloist., My voice deserves to be heard., etc. *When Jerry Lee speaks, the bickering stops.*

**Jerry Lee:** *(loudly)* Well, if Aretha doesn't sing, I don't play!

**Stanley:** Fine! If Mariah doesn't sing, I don't play!

**Bix:** Like, big deal. If Celine doesn't sing, my sticks don't ring.

*All of the band members except Elfis cross their arms and turn away from each other in a pout. They huff and harrumph a bit as they are doing it.*

**Santa:** Ohhh nooo. This is not good at all.

**Mrs. Claus:** Everyone is so upset!

**SONG:** "So Sad At Santa's Pad"

*Everyone sings the song except Elfis and the band members. Elfis just looks sad and depressed while the band members are still angry at each other. Their arms are still folded and their noses are in the air.*

**Reindeer #1:** This is terrible.

**Reindeer #2:** I know. Elfis just met his band.

**Reindeer #3:** And now he's lost them.

**Reindeer #4:** What can he do?

**Reindeer #5:** I don't know.

**Reindeer #6:** They're all so mad at each other.

**Reindeer #7:** Maybe Santa can talk to them.

**Reindeer #8:** Won't you try, Santa?

**Santa:** Well, okay. *(to band members)* Can't we sit down and discuss this reasonably?

**Aretha:** There's nothing to discuss.

**Mrs. Claus:** But you're all friends. Doesn't that mean something?

**Jerry Lee:** Huh. Not anymore.

**Elf #3:** You can't mean that!

**Elf #4:** All friends have arguments sometimes.

**Elf #1:** But they can work things out.

**Elf #2:** Friends can forgive each other.

**Elf #3:** Even when they disagree or accidentally hurt each other.

**Elf #4:** They just have to be open to communication.

**Reindeer #1:** And they have to remember how important their friendship is.

**Reindeer #2:** Elfis, can you help them remember?

**Elfis:** Uh huh.

**SONG:** "Are You Lonely And Blue?"

*During the song, the band members slowly drop their crossed arms and resume their formation into a band. By the end of the song, they are playing and singing along.*

*After the song, the group applauds.*

**Aretha:** Sorry about the attitude.

**Mariah:** Me, too.

**Celine:** Me, too.

*All three girls hug each other.*

**All:** Awwwwwww.

**Stanley:** Yeah. That wasn't cool.

**Jerry Lee:** No way.

**Bix:** Like, let's put it behind us.

**Jerry Lee, Stanley, Bix (ad lib):** *(nodding and slapping palms together in friendship)* Yeah., All right., That's cool., I'm hip., etc.

**Santa:** Thank goodness!

**Mrs. Claus:** Elfis, you have reminded us all about the value of friendship.

**Reindeer #3:** Yes indeed. Our friends are very important to us!

**Reindeer #4:** If we ever have arguments, we should make up as fast as we can!

**Reindeer #5:** We should try to understand each other better.

**Reindeer #6:** And we should apologize if we hurt each other.

**Reindeer #7:** Our time together is too precious to waste fighting!

**All (ad lib):** Yeah., We agree., No more fighting., Not gonna do that anymore., Nope., etc.

**Reindeer #8:** Hey! Now that the band is back together, how about another song?

**All (ad lib):** Yeah!, Another song!, We want to hear Elfis and the Sleigh Riders!, Cool!, Neat!, Nifty!, More music!, etc.

**Mrs. Claus:** Elfis, you are an inspiration to us all!

**Santa:** Will you lead us in one more song?

**Elfis:** Oh ho yeah, man!

**SONG:** "North Pole Rock 'n' Roll"

**BOW MUSIC:** Reprise: "North Pole Rock 'n' Roll"



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