

BIG CITY MALL

Christmas shop around the corner



A Christmas Musical for children

created by

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Foreword

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."
Mark 12:42-44 (NIV)

Dear Friends:

Welcome to **Christmas Shop Around the Corner!** I am so excited about this new Pam Andrews Music creation. Yes, the PAM team got together and in the midst of lost jobs, illnesses, new jobs, and many life issues too numerous to name, God still provided us with a marvelous Christmas musical that you and your children will love. The story is one that will touch your heart especially when it seems that our world is not so safe and sound for adults or kids. We as Christians must band together and look up when times get low. We must roll up our sleeves and help neighbors in need. Thus, the story found in **Christmas Shop Around the Corner** will relate to everyone.

*The story begins with kids from the First Church arriving at **Big City Mall** ready to Christmas Carol for mall shoppers. Some very colorful mall cops, Officers Randy Baylor and Vern Smythe appear making sure that all is in order and the kids begin their concert in their assigned location in front of Stone's Department Store. Mr. Stone finds the situation disagreeable and wants the choir to move away from his store's entrance. The children discover that Mr. Stone recently lost his wife of many years which has resulted in his saddened heart. Enter Emily Snider...a missing choir member. Emily tells her choir friends that her house burnt the night before and that her family lost everything. She hastily leaves (forgetting her coat) to rejoin her family. The choir decides they must help their friend by creating a make-shift yard sale by gathering items from mall merchants to sell the raise money for the family. Vern and Randy tell them of an empty shop around the corner that they could use for the sale. While the children are away, Mr. Stone reappears and meets Emily who has returned to retrieve her coat. Emily tells him of her friendship with Mrs. Stone who used to meet her in the park. She describes to Mr. Stone the many kind deeds of his wife and how she was a friend to everyone...especially to Emily. Mr. Stone tells her that the choir has gone out on a fundraising mission. Searching in her pocket, Emily gives her Christmas money to Mr. Stone to help out the cause...not realizing that her family was the focus of the fundraiser. Mr. Stone's heart melts and he prays to God that he will remember the true meaning of Christmas. The choir returns and Mr. Stone opens his store giving the day's profits to help the Snider family. His heart is changed and filled with a spirit of love. Christmas is alive in his heart.*

As I write musicals for children, I pray that God will send me stories such as this one which remind us of giving to others and focusing on the good in life. It is very difficult for us all to find the good in a day when there are many clouds looming around us. This musical will help us all seek the silver lining in those clouds.

The songs in **Christmas Shop Around the Corner** are fantastic! What I would call rippin'! You will recognize several Christmas carols which will be easy to learn and yet fun. The **Twelve Days of Christmas** will be a big kid favorite.

Thank you for all you do for kids. You really inspire me to trek on to new heights in music. God has always been there in the midst of the storm...waiting peacefully to love and help me. I guess I am His life-long mission on earth.

Keep in touch and know I am here if you need help in any way. I love you all...and welcome to the **Christmas Shop Around the Corner!**
Living for Jesus!

Pam Andrews

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Shop Till We Drop

CD:2 • Split:4

Rock and Roll tempo ♩ = 134

Words and Music by

PAM ANDREWS

Arr. by John DeVries

1 4 A



Head-in' for the mall, look - in' for the per-fect gift,

7



Need per-fume for mom, and a toy for lit - tle sis. Yeah, we hear the call, fight

10



in' all those gi - ant crowds. Christ-mas at the mall, shop - pin' makes us scream and shout:

13



"Should we buy this; should we buy that?" We got - ta make the choice right now,

16 Split:5 B *opt. lower harm.*



the choice right now! Yeah, we're gon - na shop, shop, shop, shop

19



till we drop. We're gon-na shop, shop, shop, shop till we drop. We're gon-na

22



shop, shop, shop, shop till we drop. We're gon - na shop, shop, shop, shop



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Scene 1 CD:3

(At the end of the song, a few children carrying shopping bags should be center stage. On the final beat of the song they should drop to the floor.)

Miss Blass *(Cast enters.)* Ok, children gather around. We're supposed to begin Christmas caroling in 5 minutes. I need all the boys over here and all the girls over here.

Brooke But, Miss Blass, yesterday, you had us stand the other way.

Sean Yeah, Miss Blass. Yesterday we were on that side. *(Sean points.)*

Rachel I like the lighting here. It shows off my hair.

Miss Blass We must accommodate the acoustics in the mall! Hurry, hurry, everyone!

Nathan Look, Miss Blass, here comes mall security.

Randy Hello, ma'am, I'm Officer Randy Baylor and this is Officer Vern Smythe.

Sean Cool! Mall cops.

Vern *(interrupting)*...mall security officers, and we're just wonderin' what y'all are doing here in the mall.

Miss Blass We're here to Christmas Carol for your shoppers. My name is Miss Blass and this is the children's choir from First Church.

Vern Do you have permit XYZ123 which entitles "said" holder the proper right to sing in "said" mall?

Miss Blass *(nervously)* Yes, I have the permit somewhere. *(Miss Blass searches in her purse for the form then hands it to Officer Randy.)* Here it is.

Randy See, Vern...I remember seein' that name on the calendar. *(to Miss Blass)* We're glad to have you here, ma'am...you and the youngins. Our shoppers love hearin' the kids singin' especially durin' the Christmas season.

Vern Miss Blass, I'll have you know that I was the lead singer in my children's choir when I was a youngin'.

Miss Blass Oh really?

Fa La La La Las

TRADITIONAL

additional words and music by PAM ANDREWS

Arr. by Pam Andrews, John DeVries

CD:4 • Split:10

Joyful, with energy ♩ = 80

1 **4** **A** *Deck the Halls, Traditional* *opt. lower harm.*

Deck the halls with boughs of hol - ly, Fa la la la la

8

la la la. It's the sea-son to be jol - ly, Fa la la la la la la.

13 **B**

Let's put on our cool ap- par - el. Fa la la la la la la.

17

Sing out the an-cient Yule - tide car - ol, Fa la la la la la la.

Split:11 (For the rest of this song, use two choirs, or one choir throughout.)

21 Even 8th Feel **C** *O Christmas Tree!, Traditional*

O Christ-mas tree! O Christ-mas tree! Fa la la la la

26 **Choir 1** **Choir 2** **Choir 1**

la la la. Your leaves are so un- chang- ing. Fa la la la la la la. O



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Fa La La La Las

31 Choir 2 Choir 1

Christ-mas tree! O Christ-mas tree! Fa la la__ la la la la la. Your leaves are so__ un-

36 Split:12 Choir 2 Choir 1 D Choir 2

chang-ing. Fa la la__ la la la la la. Not on-ly green when sum-mer's here, But

41 Choir 1 E Choir 2

al-so green when win-ter's near. O Christ-mas tree! O Christ-mas tree! Fa la la__ la la

46 Choir 1 Split:13 Choir 2 Faster ♩ = 128

la la la. Your leaves are so__ un chang-ing. Fa la la__ la la la la la.

52 All F *The Twelve Days of Christmas, (alt.) Traditional, Pam Andrews*

There are twelve days of Christ-mas you all should know, A doz-en days, get

56 Choir 1 G Choir 2 Choir 1

set, let's go! On the first day of Christ-mas my best friend gave to me— Gave a what? Yea, gave a

60 Choir 2 Choir 1 All

par-tridge. Gave a what? Yea, gave a par-tridge. Gave a par-tridge in__ a pear

64 Choir 1 Split:14 Choir 2 Choir 1

tree— tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet; tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet. On the

Scene 2 CD:5

Mr. Stone (*Mr. Stone enters.*) Ex--cuse...me. What do you think you're doing?

Miss Blass We're Christmas caroling.

Mr. Stone I can see that, but you're also blocking the entrance to my store.

Miss Blass I'm so sorry...

Mr. Stone (*interrupting*) The name's Stone...Harold P. Stone. I own Stone's Department Store. See, you're blocking the entrance to my establishment.

Miss Blass Nice to meet you, Mr. Stone. (*Miss Blass shakes Harry's hand.*) We're the Children's choir from the First Church. I believe this is where we were told to sing. (*Miss Blass shows Mr. Stone a map.*) See this is the map of the mall and it clearly indicates that we are to sing here...in front of your store.

Mr. Stone Well, we'll see about that. I think it's time I pay a visit to Mall Security.

Miss Blass I don't think that will be necessary, Mr. Stone. We'll only be here a short while...and anyway...we're about to sing Joy to the World! Wouldn't you like to stay and listen? We're just wanting to spread a little Christmas cheer.

Mr. Stone Christmas means sales and sales means customers and you are blocking the door to my store. SO MOVE! Mall security! Mall security! (*Mr. Stone exits.*)

Rachel Wow! What a scrooge.

Brooke Yeah, he sure got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning.

Nathan Who ever heard of someone not liking Christmas Carolers? That dude is the definition of grouch.

Sean He sure needs to find joy in his world.

Song 3 Joy!

Vocal

Joy!

CD:6 • Split:24

Joyful, with energy ♩ = 160

Words and Music by
PAM ANDREWS
Arr. by John DeVries

1 **A**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let

9

earth re-ceive her King, her King. Let eve-ry heart pre-

15

pare Him room. And heav-en and na-ture, heav-en and na-ture,

19

heav-en and na-ture sing. And heav-en and na-ture, heav-en and na-ture,

23 **Split:25** **B**

heav-en and na-ture sing. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

29

Let earth re-ceive her King. Let eve-ry heart

35

pre- pare Him room, And heav-en and na-ture sing,

39

and heav-en and na-ture sing, And heav-en and heav-en, and



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Scene 3 CD:7

(Vern and Randy enter carrying boxes of store merchandise. Mr. Stone is walking with them.)

Vern You would think we're mall custodians...not security.

Randy Don't complain, Vern. Remember, we're here to serve. Where do you want us to put these here boxes, Mr. Stone? *(Vern and Randy set the boxes of store items on the floor.)*

Mr. Stone These items are last year's inventory so just put them in the dumpster out back. Oh, yes, and here they are officers. *(Mr. Stone points to the choir.)* Now, make them move.

Randy Now, Harry, I already told you that these youngins have a permit to sing.

Vern Yeah, Mr. Stone. These kids ain't hurtin' anything.

Mr. Stone Who asked you? I was talking to Officer Baylor. Look here, you must see they are blocking the entrance to my store.

Randy I've seen customers comin' and goin' all day in and outta your store.

Vern Permit XYZ123 states "said choir may sing at said location to Christmas carol for customers at said mall." It's right here in red and green. *(to Randy)* Don't ya love it how Nelda printed everything in red and green for Christmas?

Mr. Stone *(disgusted)* Red and green memos. Has everyone around here gone Christmas crazy? I tell you...I want these children gone...and if I have to take this to a higher authority, I will do it.

Randy Go right ahead, Harry. The mall manager's office is that a-way. *(Randy points)* You are welcome to check things out with them. But they'll tell you the same as us. The kids stay! *(Mr. Stone exits in a huff.)*

Vern *(intellectually)* And anyway, a little Christmas caroling adds ambiance to this mall space, don't you think?

Randy Ambiance...space...where'd that come from, Vern?

Vern I watch that extreme do-over show and that design network. *(proudly)* You're lookin' at a man with culture, ya know.

- Miss Blass** Should we move officers? We're so sorry to be causing such a problem.
- Randy** Don't ya worry, little lady. Mr. Stone's really not as bad as he seems. He used to be "Mr. Christmas" in the mall.
- Vern** Yep, he and his wife Sarah would decorate his store and give candy to the kids. He even dressed in red and wore that light up tie the week before Christmas!
- Randy** But, a couple of years ago Miss Sarah died. He just ain't been the same since.
- Miss Blass** So that explains it. He's missing his wife.
- Randy** I think you hit the nail right on the head. And Miss Sarah was all about Christmas. She was famous for her manger scene window display.
- Vern** She'd get kids from her church to dress up in biblical costumes...ya know, Mary, Joseph and even shepherds and angels. They would act out the nativity scene. It was truly a sight to see. Mrs. Stone was a true believer, wasn't she Rand.
- Randy** Yep, she sure was. But when she passed, Mr. Stone took it real hard. Seems like he's especially sad at Christmastime.
- Vern** All this sad talk gets me right here. *(pats his heart. Vern blows his nose.)*
- Randy** Ok, looks like we all need some cheerin' up!
- Vern** I know! Why don't you tell the youngins your famous Christmas Story, Rand?
- Randy** It ain't my story, Vern. It's the Lord's. *(Randy picks up a guitar in Stone's Department Store to "pretend" to play.)* There ain't nothin' better than a great Bible Story...and it's all about shepherds, angels, and Wise men. Let's see, it goes somethin' like this...

(During the song, you could have a mountain band play homemade mountain type instruments. You could also have children portray shepherds, angels, and Wise men.)

Song 4 Shepherds, Angels, & Wise Men

Shepherds, Angels, & Wise Men

CD:8 • Split:31

Words and Music by

PAM ANDREWS

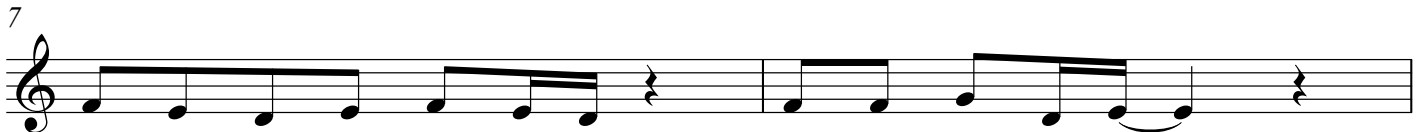
Arr. by John DeVries

With a Bluegrass Feel ♩ = 102

A solo: Randy



There they were near Beth-le-hem, in a field near by,--



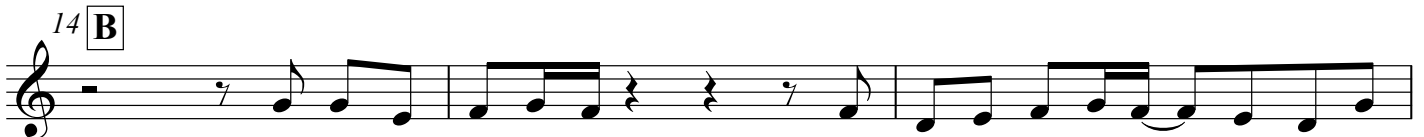
Shep-herds tend - ing sleep - y sheep, watch - ing star - ry skies._



They were tired, just want-ed to sleep, but had to sit and watch those sheep.



Soon they all would hear a mir - a - cle would soon ap - pear. That was the night,



a bless-ed, ho - ly night. The Sav-ior of the world had come to



stay. That was the night, a bless-ed, ho - ly night. The



Lord had come to us_ to show the way._



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Scene 4 CD:9

Miss Blass That was great, Officer Randy. Hey kids, has anyone seen Emily?

Brooke She should have been here already.

Nathan I wonder why she's late?

Sean She's always on time.

Rachel Yeah, Em is always here.

Vern *(Vern pulls out a notepad and pencil)* Missin' person? Do you have a description? Tall, short, hair color, eyes...green, blue, or brown? Never fear, Miss Blass, we're on the case. Randy, should we set up a dragnet? How about a road block? Should I load my gun?

Randy Now, Vern...first of all, we're in the mall so we don't need no roadblock and Emily's not missin'...just late... and that gun you are wearin' is a water pistol. I don't think squirtin' folks with water is gonna help in findin' Miss Emily.

Vern Well, the least we can do is help the kids out when they are missin' one of their singers. *(Vern moves to talk to Miss Blass.)*

Randy Oh no, not again!

Vern Now, Miss Blass, as I said before, I am a PRO—fessional singer and I will gladly help out.

Miss Blass Sure thing, Vern. Our next song is Jingle Bells.

Vern My personal favorite. AND I just happen to have my own set of jingle bells right here in my pocket. *(Vern pulls out a set of jingle bells from his pockets. These are bells that he puts on his wrists and ankles. He plays the bells throughout the next song.)* OK, I'm ready. Hit it, Miss B!

Song 5 Carols of the Bells

Carols of the Bells

TRADITIONAL

CD:10 • Split:38

additional words and music by PAM ANDREWS

Fun Rock Beat ♩ = 120

Arr. by Pam Andrews, John DeVries

1 **2** *mp* *Choir: (opt. upper harm.)* *f*

Jin-gle, jin-gle, jin-gle, jin-gle, jin-gle, jin-gle, jin-gle, jin-gle.

5 **A** *Jingle Bells, Traditional* *Choir*

Jin-gle bells, Jin-gle bells, Jin-gle bells, jin-gle bells, I'm hear-ing jin-gle

8

Jin-gle bells, we're hear-ing jin-gle bells, jin-gle bells. Jin-gle bells

12 **Split:39** *Rockin' Fun ♩ = 120*

jin-gle bells, we're hear-ing jin-gle bells. jin-gle bells I'm hear-ing jin-gle bells.

15 **B** *Choir*

Jin-gle bells, jin-gle bells, jin-gle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to sing to



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Scene 5 CD:11

Miss Blass Now, that was fun. You are simply wonderful.

Vern Ah, shucks ma'am.

Miss Blass Hey, kids, I'm still a little concerned about Emily.

Brooke I tried to call her before I left home to see if she needed a ride, but I got no answer.

Nathan Yesterday at school she said she was coming.

Miss Blass Sean, you live near Emily. Have you heard from her?

Sean No, Miss Blass, but last night when my dad came home from work he said he saw fire trucks on her street.

Rachel Hey, look, Miss Blass! Here comes Emily, now.

Emily *(Emily enters.)* Hello, everyone. I'm sorry I'm late.

Miss Blass We're so glad you're here, Emily. We were worried about you. Let me take your coat. *(Miss Blass takes Emily's coat and lays it down.)*

Emily My house caught fire last night.

Kids *(Sigh.)* Oh, how terrible! That's just awful!

Nathan Oh no, how did it happen, Emily? Was anybody hurt?

Emily We're all ok. Just tired. We think that some lights on our Christmas tree shorted out and caught our house on fire. We lost everything. But, like my dad says...we have tons to be thankful for.

Rachel We're so sorry, Emily.

Emily My dad keeps saying...God will take care of us. I'm sorry, but I can't stay. I need to help my mom and baby-sit my little brother.

Miss Blass Don't worry about a thing, Emily. Just know we'll be praying for you, dear...you and your family.

Emily See you later guys. *(Emily exits, leaving her coat.)*

Rachel How terrible! To lose everything!

- Nathan** I wish we could do something to help.
- Miss Blass** Let's put on our thinking caps.
- Sean** I wish we could at least buy her family some Christmas presents, but that would involve money...of which we have none.
- Brooke** Hey, when my mom wants to raise extra money she has a yard sale.
- Randy** How about this stuff? Mr. Stone gave us all this perfectly good merchandise from last year's stock to put in the dumpster. And there's an empty store right over there...you could set up sort of Christmas Shop around the corner.
- Vern** Mr. Stone is not gonna like this, Randy.
- Randy** Let me take care of Harry. Everything'll be OK...just wait and see.
- Vern** There're some tables in the storage room. I'll get 'em.
- Brooke** Great. I can make a sign out of this poster board.
- Rachel** Let's call our store the "Christmas Shop Around the Corner."
- Miss Blass** Great idea, Rachel, but we'll need more items than this. Let's spread out and go through the mall asking for donations.
- Randy** And we will forego the "no solicitation rule for the mall."
- Vern** Forego...solicitation?
- Randy** You ain't workin' with no dummy either.
- Miss Blass** Ok, everyone...Operation Help Emily's Family is underway.
- Vern** Let's get "Christmas Shop Around the Corner" open for business.

Song 6 Christmas Shop Around the Corner

Christmas Shop Around the Corner

Words and Music by
PAM ANDREWS
Arr. by John DeVries

Joyfull, with energy ♩ = 85

1 CD:12 • Split:46

3 A

The Christ-mas shop a-round the cor-ner Has

7

eve-ry - thing you need; Toys ga - lore_ and so much more,

11

We are here_ to please. The Christ-mas shop_ a-round the cor - ner, That

15 1st x Split:47 • 2nd x Split:50 B

gift you need_ is here. So come and shop; shop till you drop. We're

19

ab-so-lut-ly, pos-i-tive-ly, send-ing out Christ-mas We're ab-so-lut-ly, pos-i-tive-ly,

23 Split:48 3 C Salesclerk 1

send-ing out Christ-mas cheer. May I help you ma'am?

30 Customer 1 Salesclerk 1

Thank you dear, I'm just look - ing. See these pots_ and pans?



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Scene 6 CD:13

- Vern** Well, looks like my idea is really workin' out.
- Randy** *(sarcastically)* Your idea? Uh oh, here comes Harry and he don't look happy.
- Mr. Stone** *(Mr. Stone enters.)* What do you think you're doing?
- Vern** *(frightened)* It was his idea. *(Vern points to Randy.)*
- Randy** *(sarcastically)* Thanks, Vern. Yes, sir, Mr. Stone. We allowed these youngins to set up this little "Christmas Shop Around the Corner." Ain't it nice?
- Mr. Stone** No, it ain't nice. This is in direct competition to my store. And look these are the items I told you to put in the dumpster. What is it with you, Officer Randy? Are you wanting to put me out of business?
- Randy** Absolutely not, Mr. Stone. You see, the youngins are tryin' to raise money to help the Snider family whose house burnt to the ground last night.
- Mr. Stone** Well, I must admit that is sad, but my business is what I'm worried about. Stone's Department Store has always had a heart.
- Vern** A Heart of stone.
- Mr. Stone** This store cannot operate in the mall...for any reason. The mall management will need to hear about this. *(Mr. Stone exits.)*
- Miss Blass** It seems we continue to upset Mr. Stone.
- Vern** Never you mind, little lady. We'll take care of Mr. Stone.
- Miss Blass** Children, I think it's time we take a break. Let's hit the food court for a snack...my treat.
- Randy** Don't you fret...Vern and I'll watch the store.
- Kids** Yea! I'm hungry! Let's eat! *(The cast exits. The lights go dim on the choir as if they exit or if the choir is small, they could even move off stage.)*

- Mr. Stone** *(Mr. Stone enters carrying a paper. He walks to Randy and Vern.)*
Officer Randy...see this store must go. The mall manager sent you this note. *(Mr. Stone hands Randy the note.)*
- Randy** *(disappointed)* Harry, I hope you're proud of yourself. This little store wasn't hurtin' anybody. The youngins were just wantin' to help out a friend.
- Vern** Well, I guess we better go tell the kids. *(Vern and Randy put the "closed" sign on the "Christmas Shop Around the Corner table then exit.)*
- Mr. Stone** Finally, alone at last. Now, I can have some peace.
- Emily** *(Emily enters.)* Excuse me, sir.
- Mr. Stone** Yes?
- Emily** My name is Emily. Do you know where the kid's choir went?
- Mr. Stone** Are talking to me?
- Emily** Yes, sir.
- Mr. Stone** I believe they are all at the food court. They had this big idea for raising money to help a family out this Christmas. Did you say your name was Emily?
- Emily** Yes, Emily Snider. I was here a few minutes ago and left my coat. Oh, there it is. *(Emily picks up her coat.)* Hey, are you Mr. Stone?
- Mr. Stone** Yes, I'm Harry Stone.
- Emily** I know you. Your wife was my friend. She used to meet me for what she called a "feel better" lunch in the park. She was so nice.
- Mr. Stone** *(whimsical)* Yes, Miss Sarah was a good ole gal.
- Emily** I truly think Miss Stone was one of the best ladies I have ever known. One time I saw her give her coat to a homeless person.
- Mr. Stone** I wondered what happened to her coat. She told me she left it in the park.

Emily We always met at the park bench under the big oak tree. She would tell me stories and we would eat her homemade oatmeal cookies.

Mr. Stone Yes, they were my favorites.

Emily I heard she died. Miss Sarah had a heart filled with Christmas. But for her, Christmas lasted 365 days of the year. I hope I'm like her when I grow up.

Song 7 The Heart of Christmas

Vocal

The Heart of Christmas

Words and Music by
PAM ANDREWS
Arr. by John DeVries

CD:14 • Split:55

with a steady beat ♩ = 80

1 4 A *Emily solo with choir*

Fill my heart with Christ-mas, Lord;

6

Give me joy to - day. Make me feel Your Spir - it, Lord;

8

Please show me the way. Help me to re - mem - ber, Lord;

10

You're the on - ly truth. Fill my heart with Christ-mas, Lord, To -

12 1st x Split:56 • 2nd x Split 58 2

day and all year through.

15 B *Verse 1: Emily Solo, Verse 2: Solo and Choir*

1. Lights are shin - ing in the tree, Tin - sel eve - ry - where.
2. You brought Christ - mas to the world; Joy now fills the earth.

17

Wreaths on eve - ry door you see, car - ols fill the air.
You have changed the hearts of men With Your bles - sed birth.



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Scene 7 CD:15

Emily Because of Miss Sarah, I have Jesus in my heart. She told me how to become a Christian one day in the park. So, I guess the good thing is that I will see her again someday. Well, I better be going. My mom is waiting for me. Hey, Mr. Stone...will you do me a favor?

Mr. Stone Sure.

Emily Here's 10 dollars my grandma gave me for Christmas. I have to go, but if my friends are raising money to help someone...give them this 10 dollars. See you later. Hey, would you like to meet me later in the park around noon? Sort of...a feel better lunch like Miss Sarah and I used to have?

Mr. Stone Maybe. It was nice to meet you, Emily.

Emily Same here. Hope to see you later in the park, Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone *(Mr. Stone moves center stage. He speaks toward heaven.)* Lord, it's me, Harry. I just wanted to speak to you for a minute if you don't mind. I'm so sorry about the way I've been actin'. I've been so sad about Sarah that I seem to have turned away from You. Please forgive me, Lord. Help me find the heart of Christmas. By the way, tell Miss Sarah hello for me. Amen.

(The children enter.)

Rachel Thanks for the snack, Miss Blass.

Nathan Yeah, it was great.

Brooke Let's get back to work...the more money we raise...the more we can help Emily and her family.

Miss Blass *(The children and Miss Blass notice the "closed" sign.)* Look, the store is closed. I wonder what happened?

Sean I thought Officer Randy was gonna take care of the store while we were gone.

Vern *(Randy and Vern enter)* Hey Miss Blass...kids. We've been I lookin' for y'all everywhere.

Randy I'm afraid we have some bad news. While y'all were in the food court, Mr. Stone brought me a letter from management sayin'...

Mr. Stone *(Mr. Stone quickly walks up.)* That you have to move your store...

Vern What???

Mr. Stone Move the Christmas Shop Around the Corner into my store.

Randy But Harry, I thought you said...

Mr. Stone Never mind what I said. Get the move on, officers!

Miss Blass But, wouldn't that interfere with your customers, Mr. Stone?

Mr. Stone No way. It would be good for business...and I've decided that all the money from today's sales will go to help your cause.

Vern Mr. Stone? Is that really you?

Mr. Stone Absolutely. And here is a \$10 donation from one customer and I'm also putting in a donation. Hey, you know what might bring in more customers? I still have those old nativity costumes in my back closet. Would any of you kids be up for creating a manger scene?

Rachel Sounds great, Mr. Stone.

Nathan Sure thing...a manger scene would be awesome.

Vern Harry, what on earth has happened to you?

Mr. Stone Let's just say...I had a visit from an angel that reminded me what Christmas is all about. Kids, let's get out those costumes. Time's a wastin'! Jesus is born and it's time we celebrate!

Song 8 He is Born / Go, Tell It on the Mountain

He is Born / Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Words and Music by
PAM ANDREWS, Traditional
Arr. by John DeVries

CD:16 • Split:60

Joyful, with energy ♩ = 160

He is Born, Pam Andrews

A (Choir)

7 **4**

He is born; He is born; Je-sus is born in

8

Beth-le-hem. He is born; He is born; shout out the news a - cross the land.

13 **B** *opt. lower harm.*

Je - sus, Sav - ior, Prince of Peace, came to earth for you and me.

17 **Split:61** **2**

He is born; He is born; Je-sus is born in Beth-le- hem.

23 **C** *Solo 1* *Choir*

Star in heav-en shin-ing bright, He is born in Beth-le - hem.

27 *Solo 1* *Choir*

Shine your light out through the night; He is born in Beth-le - hem.

31 *Solo 1* *Choir*

Shine so all the world can see; He is born in Beth-le - hem.

35 *Solo 1* **Split:62** *Choir*

Je - sus born for you and me. He is born in Beth-le - hem.



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Scene 8 CD:17

Miss Blass Great news, kids, with the money we raised in the Christmas Shop Around the Corner and Stones Department Store, we have enough to buy the Snider family Christmas and even give them a Christmas dinner. I'm heading over to Wright's Grocery Store to get a box of food. Would any of you kids like to come along?

Brooke Sure thing, Miss Blass.

Rachel I'm always up for shopping.

Nathan And I'm for anything when food is involved.

Sean *(Sean walks to Mr. Stone and shakes his hand.)* Mr. Stone...You're a cool dude.

Randy *(Harry and Vern walk to Mr. Stone.)* Harry, kinda nice to see that sparkle back in your eyes.

Vern *(Vern blows his nose and wipes his eyes.)* Ok, enough already.

Mr. Stone *(Mr. Stone looks at his watch.)* Look at the time...it's almost noon. Can you all handle things for a while?

Randy Sure thing, Harry. Where're you off to?

Mr. Stone The park. I have an important lunch date. Be back in an hour.

Song 9 Glory / Reprise**Song 10 (optional) Christmas Shop Around the Corner
—Bow Music**

Glory / Reprise

Words and Music by
PAM ANDREWS, Traditional
Arr. by John DeVries

CD:18 • Split:68

Lightly ♩ = 110

Angels We Have Heard on High (alt.), Traditional

1 **4** **A** *opt. solo*

An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing

8

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

13 **Split:69** **Faster** ♩ = 116 *Choir opt. lower harm.* **B** *Glo - ry!* *Glo - ry!*

Now we're sing - in' glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry

17 *Glo - ry!* **Split:70**

glo - ry, glo - ri - a. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

21 **C** *Glo - ry!* *Glo - ry!*

Now we're sing - in' glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry

24 *Glo - ry!*

glo - ry, glo - ri - a. in ex - cel - sis De -

28 **Swinging Triplet Gospel Feel** ♩ = 122 **Split:71** *opt. solo* **D** *Glory, Pam Andrews*

- o! We're sing - in' glo - ry; we're sing - in' glo - ry; we're sing - in'



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Vocal

Christmas Shop Around the Corner—Bow Music

CD:19 • Split:80

Words and Music by
PAM ANDREWS
Arr. by John DeVries

Swinging triplet Gospel feel ♩ = 122

1 A 8 B 8

19 C 7 Split:81 2 D 12 E Split:82 4

44 F

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her

50 G

King, her King. Let eve-ry heart. pre-pare Him room. And

56 Split:83

heav-en and na-ture, heav-en and na-ture, heav-en and na-ture sing. And

60 H

heav-en and na-ture, heav-en and na-ture, heav-en and na-ture sing.

63 *opt. harm.*

Joy to the world! Joy!



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Shop Till We Drop
Fa La La La Las
Joy!

Shepherds, Angels, & Wise Men
Carols of the Bells

Christmas Shop Around the Corner
The Heart of Christmas
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Glory / Reprise

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