# Angels, shepherds and sheep

*Cast: Narrator; a host of angels; a group of shepherds; a flock of sheep.*

*This is a dramatised reading of Luke 2:8-20. The narrator needs to resume after the interruptions as if they had not happened. Everything by the angels, shepherds and sheep is sung or bleated except as stated.*

*The music for “Glory to God”, “All we like sheep” and “Hallelujah” is from the Messiah but does not need to be tuneful so long a sung with gusto. The music for “Sheep” is by Roger Jones. This can be hammed up as panto. The audience are divided into three groups and all participate – you may wish to have a choir practice before!*

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| Narrator | And there were shepherds … |
| Shepherds | Sheep, sheep, is there anything more to life than sheep? Sheep, sheep, is there anything more than sheep? |
| Narrator | … living out in the fields watching over their flocks …. |
| Sheep | All we like sheep (Baa), all we like sheep (Baa) |
| Narrator | … by night. An angel … |
| Angels | Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest! |
| Narrator | … of the Lord appeared to the shepherds … |
| Shepherds | Sheep, sheep, is there anything more to life than sheep? |
| Narrator | … and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were terrified. |
| Shepherds | (scream) |
| Sheep | (frightened bleat) |
| Narrator | But the angel … |
| Angels | Glory to God |
| Narrator | … said to them: |
| Angel | (spoken, one only) Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in the city of David a saviour has been born to you – he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you – you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger! |
| Narrator | Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host … |
| Angels | Glory to God |
| Narrator | … appeared with the angel … |
| Angels | Glory to God |
| Narrator | … praising God and saying: |
| Angels | Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest!  Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! |
| Narrator | When the angels … |
| Angels | Glory to God |
| Narrator | … had left and gone back into heaven, the shepherds … |
| Shepherds | Sheep, sheep, is there anything more to life than sheep? |
| Narrator | … said to one another: |
| Shepherds | (spoken, one only) Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us. |
| Narrator | So they left their sheep … |
| Sheep | (plaintive) Baa |
| Narrator | … and hurried off to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger. When they had seen him, the shepherds |
| Shepherds | Sheep, sheep, there is everything more to life than sheep |
| Narrator | … spread the word about what they had been told, and all were amazed. Then the shepherds … |
| Shepherds | Sheep, sheep, there is everything more to life than sheep |
| Narrator | … returned to their sheep … |
| Sheep | (happy) All we like sheep (Baa), all we like sheep (Baa) |
| Narrator | …glorifying and praising God … |
| Shepherds | Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest! |
| Narrator | … for all the things the angel … |
| Angel | Glory to God |
| Narrator | … had told them. |
| All | Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest!  Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! |
| Sheep | Baa! |