

DUB. *(He hesitantly enters the spotlight. Honey Raye leads the audience in applause, hands him an index card. She and Geneva exit. Dub reads from the card.)* It is a pleasure to celebrate Christmas Eve with my fans. I want to thank all of you for watching my morning cooking show. And in the spirit of giving, I'm here to share with you the recipe for my famous Butternut Squash Lasagna —

HONEY RAYE. *(She darts into the light, yanks the card out of his hand and whispers.)* Wing it! *(She exits.)*

DUB. Uh ... so, boys and girls, remember that I am a big Christmas celebrity, but ... uh ... there's a star in the Christmas firmament that's much bigger than me. And we're here to celebrate his birth tonight. So, Ho, Ho, Ho-Ohhh! *(He groans and grabs his back. The kidney stone is moving. He tries to pull himself together.)* Merry Christmas! And ... uh ... *(Another horrible pain hits. He screams and grabs his back.)* OH, HOLY NIGHT!!! I mean ... *(Another one hits.)* OHHH, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL!

GENEVA. *(She swoops into the spotlight. As she drags Dub off, she addresses the audience.)* So, come with us now to the little stable in the City of David, long, long, ago. *(They exit the spotlight.)*

DUB. *(Unseen, he screams in torment.)* OHHH, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM!!!! *(Blackout.)*