

THE CHRISTMAS WISH

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Principal Characters

- **ALEX** – The main character; thoughtful, lonely, and hopeful
 - **WISHMAKER** – A magical narrator/guide with theatrical flair
 - **TWINKLE** – An anxious but endearing fairy afraid of glitter
 - **BLITZ** – A rogue reindeer with attitude and a knack for chaos
 - **FROSTINA** – Serene, wise figure who brings calm and stillness
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Family Characters

- **MUM** – Caring but busy, learning to reconnect
 - **DAD** – Well-meaning, distracted, eventually re-engages
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Magical/Comedic Ensemble Characters

- **CAPTAIN NUTLEY** – A toy soldier who shouts everything
 - **TINSEL** – One of the sparkle-obsessed twins
 - **BAUBELLE** – The other sparkle twin; equally dramatic
 - **JINGLES** – A musical elf with a rap obsession
 - **ECHO** – A silent character who echoes key lines or moments
 - **MRS. CRUMB** – A frazzled baker, overwhelmed by gingerbread chaos
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Supporting/Ensemble Roles

- **HOLLY** – Ensemble kid with quirky comments
 - **IVY** – Another ensemble kid, possibly paired with Holly
 - **ENSEMBLE KIDS #1 & #2** – Used throughout for chorus, reactions, and group lines
 - **STREET KIDS** – Carol singers outside Alex's window
 - **SPARKS ENSEMBLE** – Movers, dancers, or puppeteers who represent magic or emotion
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This diverse cast provides roles for a wide range of young performers, including:

- Soloists
- Comedic actors
- Dancers and movement artists
- Chorus/ensemble members

List of Songs

1. **Make a Wish** – Alex
A hopeful solo ballad that sets the story in motion.
2. **Wishes in the Wind** – Wishmaker + Ensemble Sparks
A magical waltz introducing the arrival of Christmas magic.
3. **Not Your Average Reindeer** – Blitz + Ensemble
An upbeat pop-rock anthem celebrating Blitz's rebellious style.
4. **Fairy Fears** – Twinkle
A quirky solo about self-doubt and finding inner sparkle.
5. **The Spirit of the Season** – Wishmaker + Full Cast
A heartwarming song uniting the characters around kindness.
6. **Christmas is for Everyone** – Full Cast
Act 1 finale ensemble number; vibrant and theatrical.
7. **Dreams Come True** – Alex + Wishmaker
A heartfelt musical theatre duet about belief and hope.
8. **Tinsel Trouble** – Tinsel, Baubelle + Ensemble
A comedic number filled with chaos, glue guns, and glitter.
9. **Holiday Oyerload** – Alex + Mum + Dad
Emotional ballad reflecting on lost moments and second chances.
10. **The Twinkle Test** – Twinkle + Ensemble
An energetic redemption number full of rhymes and magic.
11. **We Believe in Christmas** – Full Cast
Finale number – high-energy, feel-good, Broadway-style closer.

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Act 1

Scene 1: Christmas Eve Blues

Setting: Alex's modest living room.

Alex feels invisible at home on Christmas Eve. Their parents are busy, friends are out, and the decorations feel flat. Alex wishes aloud for “the best Christmas ever,” sparking something magical in the air.

Scene 2: The Wishmaker Appears

Setting: Living room shifts to dreamlike lighting.

The mysterious and enchanting Wishmaker appears, revealing that Alex's wish has been heard. The stage sparkles with possibility as the magic begins to stir.

Scene 3: Reindeer Ruckus

Setting: Chaos crashes into Alex's front room.

Blitz, a rebellious, rockstar-style reindeer, crash-lands through Alex's door. He's bold, loud, and claims to be here in response to the wish. The two exchange sharp banter and kick off the first wave of magic.

Scene 4: Fairy Fails

Setting: Same house, but increasingly messy with magical intrusion.

Twinkle, a nervous fairy with a fear of glitter and performance anxiety, arrives. She botches her entrance and creates a sparkly disaster, but, slowly bonds with Alex.

Scene 5: The Spirit of the Season

Setting: The house transformed into a whimsical magical hub.

Other magical guests arrive—Frostina, Captain Nutley, Tinsel, Baubelle, and Jingles. The house fills with festive energy and confusion. The Wishmaker explains the meaning behind Alex's wish with a warm ensemble song.

Scene 6: The Parents Return

Setting: The living room, post-chaos.

Mum and Dad return home to find the house transformed. They're confused but begin to see how their absence has affected Alex. The moment is awkward but begins to reveal growth.

Scene 7: Wish Overload (Act 1 Finale)

Setting: The house is in magical overdrive.

The magic spirals out of control. Toys talk, snow falls indoors, and personalities clash. Alex reaches breaking point, only for everyone to realize that behind the wish was a desire to be seen and included. The cast comes together in a powerful, theatrical number.

Act 2

Scene 1: The Morning After Magic

Setting: The same house, post-party mess.

Alex wakes to a mess of decorations and slumbering magical creatures. The ensemble reflects on the night before. Slowly, they begin to clean up and piece together what really mattered.

Scene 2: Dreams Revisited

Setting: Cosy family moment with magical sparkle.

Alex and the Wishmaker reflect. Alex wonders if the magic will disappear. Mum and Dad make a sincere effort to reconnect. The ensemble joins to sing about how dreams don't always look like you expect—but can still come true.

Scene 3: The Twinkle Test

Setting: A makeshift fairy test arena in the home.

Twinkle faces a test to prove her magic is under control. With Alex's support, she shines in a glittery performance. The scene becomes a celebration of embracing who you are.

Scene 4: We Believe in Christmas (Finale)

Setting: Living room transformed into a magical celebration.

The entire cast returns for the final Christmas celebration. Everyone shares what they've learned. Blitz rocks out, Twinkle sparkles confidently, and the parents dance. The cast joins in a big, joyful number celebrating belief, kindness, and found family.

PREVIEW

🎅 Act 1, Scene 1 – Christmas Eve Blues 🎅

Setting:

A small living room decorated modestly for Christmas. A sofa, a window with a small tree beside it, and a coat rack. Snow gently falls outside the window (optional projection or paper snow). The room feels cosy but quiet. No other people are around.

CHARACTERS IN THIS SCENE:

- **ALEX** – Our main character, home alone.
- **STREET KIDS (Ensemble)** – Outside singing carols, cheerful but unaware of Alex.
- **ECHO (Optional)** – A silent character who mimics Alex’s emotional moments.

[Lights up on ALEX sitting cross-legged on the floor, fiddling with a piece of tinsel. Music plays softly in the background — a wistful instrumental.]

ALEX (to self)

Christmas Eve. Supposed to be the most magical night of the year.

(beat)

Yeah... right.

[A group of STREET KIDS enters stage left, bundled up in winter clothes. They stand just outside the “window” and begin singing a few lines of an upbeat Christmas carol. ALEX watches quietly.]

STREET KIDS (singing, offbeat fun)

♪♪ Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la— ♪♪

♪♪ We forgot the words, by golly! ♪♪

♪♪ Tis the season to be jolly— ♪♪

[They giggle and run off. ALEX sighs and looks around the empty room.]

ALEX (to self)

Mum’s working late. Again.

Dad? Don’t even ask.

Everyone’s out doing Christmassy stuff. But me?

Just me, this tiny tree... and a fridge full of leftover lasagna.

[Optional: ECHO appears silently in dim light at the side of the stage, mirroring Alex’s posture.]

ALEX (stands, mock-enthusiastic)

Sure, who needs snowball fights or hot chocolate or people?

I've got... tinsel. And glitter glue. And this one sock with penguins on it.

(beat)

And maybe if I just—maybe if I—

[ALEX walks to the window and stares out, heart on their sleeve.]

ALEX (softly)

What would it be like...

To have the best Christmas ever?

[A faint sparkle of music begins. ALEX turns to the audience as lights warm. This leads directly into the opening number.]

♪♪ SONG 1: "MAKE A WISH" ♪♪

[Verse 1]

I don't need silver or gold,
Or presents piled high in a row.
I just want someone to say,
"Hey, I'm glad you're here today."

[Verse 2]

I don't need a sleigh or snow,
Or lights that twinkle as they glow.
I just want a moment that's mine,
A twinkle, a flicker, a sign.

[Chorus]

So I'll make a wish tonight,
Hold it close and squeeze it tight.
Maybe stars or snow will hear,
And send some Christmas magic near.

[Chorus – Repeat / Build]

Make a wish, let it fly,
Whisper it into the sky.
Somewhere out there, dreams come true—
Maybe even dreams like you.

[Bridge]

I believe—well, maybe I might—

In magic and candles and stars shining bright.

I believe in something more—

Even if I'm not sure what I'm wishing for.

[Final Chorus – Soft Reprise]

So I'll make a wish tonight...

Just one wish this Christmas night.

PREVIEW

🧙 ACT 1, SCENE 2 – The Wishmaker Appears 🧙

Setting:

Immediately follows Scene 1. Lights are low, with a gentle glow from the window. Snow falls steadily outside. ALEX stands still, eyes closed from the end of the previous song.

CHARACTERS IN THIS SCENE:

- **ALEX** – Still feeling unsure and alone
- **THE WISHMAKER** – A magical narrator/guide; charismatic, timeless, theatrical
- **ENSEMBLE SPARKS** – Silent ensemble who move like shadows or starlight (can include dancers or puppeteers)

[Lights flicker. A hush falls. A soft sparkle sound.]

ALEX *(eyes opening)*

Huh?

Was that... wind? Or just the boiler again?

[A golden light glows from stage right. Slowly, a figure appears – THE WISHMAKER – cloaked in layers of shimmer, velvet, maybe a scarf of tinsel. They speak with warmth and theatrical flair.]

WISHMAKER

That wasn't wind, dear Alex.

That... was your wish.

ALEX *(startled)*

Who—what—how do you know my name?

WISHMAKER *(smiling)*

You whispered it into the sky. And the sky? Well. The sky whispered back.

Wishes made on Christmas Eve are very special. Especially ones made from the heart.

ALEX

You heard me?

WISHMAKER

Not just me.

Others too. They're on their way.

You asked for the best Christmas ever... and now, the magic begins.

ALEX

Wait... I didn't mean—

I mean, I just said—

WISHMAKER (*cutting gently*)

Wishes are tricky things, Alex.

Once they take flight, there's no telling *how* they'll come true.

Not always with snow or stockings or sparkly lights...

Sometimes, the best Christmas is the one you *never expected*.

[Lights begin to glow around the stage — little twinkles. SPARKS appear, dancing or moving slowly like spirits of magic or stars.]

WISHMAKER (*to audience*)

So! A wish has been made. And the winds are stirring.

The stage is set, the snow is falling...

And soon, the visitors will arrive.

 SONG 2: "WISHES IN THE WIND" 

[Verse 1 – WISHMAKER]

A whisper in the winter air,

A flicker in the light,

One quiet wish can travel far,

And shimmer through the night.

[Verse 2 – WISHMAKER]

The stars all lean a little low,

To hear what hearts believe,

And once the wish is truly made,

The magic takes its leave.

[Chorus – ENSEMBLE SPARKS (*gentle echo/harmony*)

Wishes in the wind tonight,

Riding on a breath so slight,

Spinning through the winter chill,

Off to places hearts sit still.

[Hook – WISHMAKER + SPARKS]

Not every gift comes wrapped in bows,

Not every tale is what it shows.

But when a heart believes it's true,

The wish knows just what it must do.

[Instrumental]

[Final Chorus – ALL]
Wishes in the wind arise,
Glowing under snowy skies,
One small voice can call them near...

And now, the magic's here.

PREVIEW

🎅 Act 1 Scene 3: Reindeer Ruckus 🎅

Setting:

Same living room. Cosy, modest. The tree lights twinkle. Microwave hums in the background. Snow outside. It's Christmas Eve, but the atmosphere is subdued.

Characters in Scene:

- **ALEX** – Quiet, observant, sarcastic, emotionally guarded
- **MUM** – Brief appearance, caring but rushed
- **DAD** – Brief appearance, well-meaning but distracted
- **BLITZ** – Loud, cocky, loveable chaos in boots and antlers
- **Optional ENSEMBLE SPARKS** – For comic movement/gags or future scenes

[Lights up. ALEX sits on the floor beside the tree, untangling lights that don't work. The microwave beeps faintly. The room feels quiet and forgotten.]

[MUM enters in her coat, tapping on her phone, carrying a coffee.]

MUM

Alex, dinner's in the microwave. Sorry, I've got another shift. Love you.

ALEX (flatly)

It's Christmas Eve.

MUM (already backing out)

We'll do something fun tomorrow, I promise. Maybe a film. Something festive.

[She exits. A moment later, DAD enters with a laptop in one hand, Bluetooth headset in the other.]

DAD

Hey, sport. You eat?

ALEX

Yeah.

DAD

Cool. Be down soon. Maybe we'll do a board game or—whatever.

(louder into headset) No, just talking to my kid—back in a sec.

[He leaves. ALEX stares at the Christmas tree. The lights flicker.]

ALEX (quietly, to self)

So much for the “best Christmas ever.”

[Sudden CRASH from outside. A loud THUMP against the door. A trash bin clatters. Snow falls harder.]

BLITZ (offstage)

OW! That was a flowerbed. Who plants roses in December?!

ALEX (jumps up)

What the—was that a moose?! A very clumsy moose?!

[DOOR FLIES OPEN. Enter BLITZ — boots, shades, attitude, and antlers lit like a Christmas rave.]

BLITZ

Boom! Worst landing ever. Who parks a trampoline in your hedge?

ALEX

You’re in my house!

BLITZ (dusting off snow)

Yeah, and you’re the one who summoned the chaos.

Name’s Blitz. Reindeer. Trouble. Icon.

You’re Alex, right?

ALEX (backing up slightly)

How do you know my name?

BLITZ

Because you made a wish. Big one. “*Best Christmas Ever.*” Loud, bold, painfully earnest.

Rang through the skies like an overcooked sleigh bell.

ALEX

Wait—you’re an actual reindeer?

BLITZ (offended)

Excuse me—the reindeer. Former front-flyer, North Pole exile, sleigh escapee.

I don’t do jingles. I don’t do “cute.”

I do *this*.

[He gestures at himself like he’s expecting applause. Silence.]

ALEX (deadpan)

You look like a raccoon looted a costume shop.

BLITZ (genuinely impressed)

Okay. I like you. You've got claws. We'll get along just fine.

ALEX

I didn't actually mean to *summon* anyone. I was just... talking.

BLITZ

Yeah, but your heart was shouting. Magic doesn't check for clarity. You wished. It echoed. And I flew in. Well—crashed in. Details.

ALEX

You're telling me you're the response to my desperate Christmas Eve wish?

BLITZ

Bingo. First responder. Sleigh wreck and all.

ALEX

You just flattened our compost bin.

BLITZ

Better than the bird bath. And hey, organic cushioning. You're welcome.

ALEX

I think I was better off just eating lasagna in peace.

BLITZ

False. Lasagna doesn't fly. Lasagna doesn't bring backup. Lasagna doesn't wear leather boots.

ALEX

Neither do most reindeer.

BLITZ

Exactly. I'm not most reindeer. I've been benched, banned, and blogged about. I once flew backwards for four miles just to prove a point.

ALEX

You sound like you got kicked off the sleigh team for being... difficult.

BLITZ

Visionary. I got kicked off for being a visionary. Also, I may have accidentally reversed over Santa's cookie table. But let's not dwell.

ALEX (crossing arms)

So what now? You barge in here, wreck the garden, and... what? Take me on a “reindeer adventure”?

BLITZ

Exactly! Look at that! The magic’s already working — you’re catching on.

ALEX

I’m not going anywhere with a self-declared rogue reindeer in wraparound shades.

BLITZ (with flair)

You don’t have to go anywhere. The party’s coming to you.

[Beat. Then Blitz clicks a hoof.]

BLITZ

Cue the anthem.

♪♪ **SONG 3: “NOT YOUR AVERAGE REINDEER”** ♪♪

[Verse 1 – BLITZ]

I don’t prance and I don’t pose,
Not the type with shiny nose.
Hooves in boots, shades on tight,
I fly solo through the night.

[Verse 2 – BLITZ]

No sleigh bells, no reindeer games,
They all laughed, forgot my name.
But I’m the one they call in a pinch,
Saves the night and doesn’t flinch.

[Chorus – BLITZ + ENSEMBLE]

I’m not your average reindeer,
Don’t do cute, I steer clear.
Jetpack hooves and rebel cheer,
The wildest ride of the year!

[Verse 3 – BLITZ]

I don’t sip cocoa — I chug it down,
Then blast off straight over town.
Rooftop landings, midnight zoom,
Kickin’ down your living room!

[Chorus – BLITZ + ENSEMBLE]

I'm not your average reindeer,
Breaking rules and shifting gear.
If you want bland, I ain't your deer—
I crash the party and steer!

[Hook – BLITZ only]
Out of the sky like a snowball streak,
Midnight rebel with a holiday streak.
Who needs Dasher? Who needs Vixen?
this is where the party kicks in.

[Final Chorus – ALL]
Not your average reindeer,
Time to bring the magic near.
Not by the book — I make it clear:
The best ride of the year... is here!

Genre: Pop-rock musical theatre; upbeat, bold, cheeky
SUNG BY: BLITZ + ENSEMBLE

[End of song. Blitz strikes a ridiculous pose, clearly proud. ALEX just stares, unimpressed.]

ALEX
You are... a lot.

BLITZ
You're welcome.

ALEX
And you're staying?

BLITZ
Kid, we're just getting started.

[BLACKOUT.]

🧚 Act 1 Scene 4 - FairyFails 🧚

Setting:

Same living room. The chaos from Blitz's arrival has mostly settled. ALEX sits on the sofa, arms crossed. BLITZ paces, polishing his antlers with a sock. The window shows snow still falling.

Characters in Scene:

- **ALEX** – Still skeptical, now a bit annoyed
- **BLITZ** – Loving the attention, causing mild chaos
- **TWINKLE** – A panicky, sparkly, over-prepared fairy who's afraid of glitter and almost everything else
- **Optional: SPARKS (Ensemble movement/dancers)**

[Lights up on ALEX and BLITZ mid-conversation.]

ALEX

So let me get this straight. You're not Santa-approved. You don't follow any rules. And you showed up *why* again?

BLITZ (spinning)

Because *you wished*, darling. And because traditional reindeer are boring. Dasher? Cautious. Comet? Try-hard. Rudolph? Total spotlight hog.

ALEX

You just launched yourself through a flowerbed.

BLITZ

Creative entry point. And look, here you are—smiling. Almost.

ALEX

That wasn't a smile. That was a facial twitch of confusion.

BLITZ

Same thing. You're welcome.

[Suddenly, a loud POP! Glitter bursts from above. Lights flash. A high-pitched yelp is heard.]

TWINKLE (offstage)

Oh no no no no no—*GLITTER LAUNCH!* I wasn't ready! I *was not ready!*

ALEX

What now?!

BLITZ (*grinning*)

Oh yes. The entertainment's here.

[A sparkly puff of fog. TWINKLE enters mid-sneeze, wand clutched tightly, wings askew. She is clearly not okay.]

TWINKLE

Is this... is this 23 Cuddleberry Crescent? Or is this... oh NO! Did I land *early*?

BLITZ

You're late, sparkle-bomb. The kid's already confused. Catch up.

TWINKLE (*to ALEX, panicked*)

I'm so sorry! I was supposed to arrive *after* the heart softens but *before* the breakthrough monologue.

I'm Twinkle. Level 2 Wish Support. Temporarily reassigned from the Tooth Division. You made a wish. I'm here to help. In theory.

ALEX (*flatly*)

You're scared of glitter.

TWINKLE (*shaking her wand and sneezing*)

Horribly. And tinsel gives me hives. But I power through! That's what fairies do.

BLITZ

She's like a nervous Christmas candle. May flicker. Might explode.

TWINKLE (*defensive*)

I am *perfectly qualified*! I passed my wand safety re-test. I only lit *two* eyebrows on fire!

ALEX

This cannot be happening.

BLITZ

Oh it's happening. We're the Wish Crew. The dream team. The holiday force of mild-to-moderate cheer.

TWINKLE (*pulling out a scroll and unraveling it nervously*)

Okay... so according to protocol, I'm supposed to begin with a reflective statement.

(*clears throat*)

"Alex... your feelings are valid. Even if your decorations are... uh... emotionally minimalist."

ALEX

Is this part of the wish? Glitter allergies and sarcasm?

BLITZ

Magic doesn't come gift-wrapped, kid. Sometimes it shows up sneezing.

TWINKLE (*sniffles*)

Or sniffing.

ALEX

I just wanted the best Christmas ever. Not... reindeer in boots and glitter trauma.

TWINKLE (*softly*)

Maybe... this is part of it. You said you wanted Christmas to feel different. Sometimes different doesn't mean perfect. It means... surprising.

[Beat. A little hush. BLITZ actually looks thoughtful for half a second.]

BLITZ

Well that got weirdly sentimental.

TWINKLE

It's literally in my contract.

[A pause. ALEX watches them both. Then—]

ALEX

Okay. Fine. What's next?

TWINKLE (*beaming nervously*)

Musical morale boost!

♪♪ SONG 4: "FAIRY FEARS" ♪♪

[Verse 1 – TWINKLE]

It's not the bows or sparkling snow,
Or perfect lights that steal the show.
It's not the toys or Christmas trees,
It's messy, magical times like these

[Verse 2 – CAPTAIN NUTLEY
(male)]

I once stood proud with wooden feet,
In rows of cheer on Regent Street.

But joy's not formed in strict parade—
It's in the messy plans we made.

[Verse 3 – TINSEL & BAUBELLE]

We decorate, we try too hard,
We over-glue the Christmas card.
But in the glitter and the mess,
We sometimes find... togetherness.

[Chorus – ALL]

The spirit of the season isn't neat or small or sweet,
It isn't in the perfect bow or gifts laid at your feet.
It's in the hearts that show up late, the friends who just appear—
The spirit of the season says: "You're meant to be right here."

[Bridge – TWINKLE + NUTLEY + TINSEL/BAUBELLE]

So let the house be chaos, let the tinsel go astray,
Let every light be tangled — we'll love it all the same way.

[Final Chorus – ALL, ALEX sings final line]

The spirit of the season isn't found in picture frames—
It's found in all the lovely things that never go to plan.
It's not the wish, it's not the list, it's not what we receive...
ALEX (solo):

It's those who still show up on Christmas Eve.

[Big finish. TWINKLE poses awkwardly. ALEX claps once. BLITZ slow-claps.]

ALEX

That was... something.

BLITZ

Honestly? That was a bop.

TWINKLE (bright red)

I nearly threw up in the second verse.

ALEX

Respect.

[BLACKOUT.]

PREVIEW