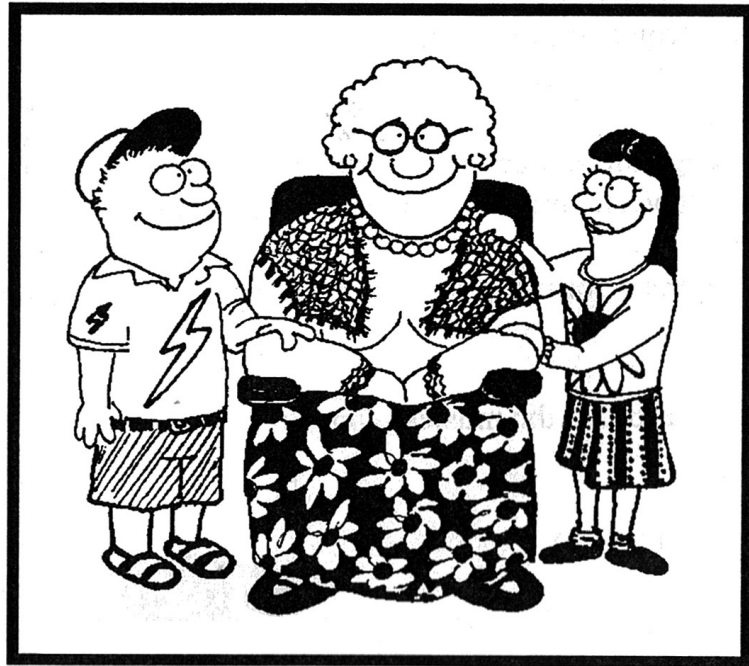


lyrics
for
Telling Stories

Tall Tales and True. A Children's Musical.



Gerry Holmes



Telling Stories

album lyrics

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SIDE A is an audio recording of the whole musical, singing and dialogue.
Time: 33 minutes.

B

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SIDE B includes the instrumental backings and sound effects, suitable for rehearsals and performances.

This musical was first performed for 3,000 people in March 1997 - we're not telling stories!

1. Director's Note. Hello all! We hope you enjoy this recording of "Telling Stories", as performed at "KUCA Camp Out" March 1997. To Gerry, the musos, my helpers, all the wonderful performers, especially those, who worked hard and willingly from beginning to end and to God (through whom all things are possible!)
THANK YOU!! Love and Hugs,
Sunshine G B March.

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01 TELLING STORIES

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God's been telling stories
God's been telling stories
Big stories, little stories
Old, new, happy, sad
Some about good and some about bad
God's been telling stories
God's been telling stories

Did you hear about the Tower of Babel?
No, how does it go?
Well, the tower was built way up high
Up, up, up, up, u...p
Well how far did it go?
No one really knows.
Oh how come?
Tower of Babel's fallen down

God's been telling stories
God's been telling stories
Big stories, little stories
Old, new, happy, sad
Some about good and some about bad
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Did you hear the one about Elijah?
No, how does it go?
Some priests and magicians,
Gave God a competition
To send fire down from the sky
And prove whose God was alive.
Well, how did it go,
Yeah! How did it go?

Those priests and magicians tried and tried,
But nothing came down from the sky.
What about Elijah?
Good old Elijah?
Then when Elijah prayed
Fire and lightening came!
God's been telling stories
God's been telling stories
Yeah!

02 CREATION SALES PITCH

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Ba ba doo ba da, ba b'day doe
Ba ba doo ba da, ba b'day doe
Ladies and gentlemen,
Please put your hands together for
"Jehovah's Amazin' Creation Sensation"
It's new and improved for you today.
Yes ladies and gentlemen,
Evolution is blown away!
And so on with the show!
Let there be Lights! Camera! Action!

Let there be Light, Light!
Yeah, let there be Light, Light! Woo,
Let there be Day and Night, Dark and Light
No waste no mess!
The first Day of Creation has been done!
Ba doo ba da, ba ba b'day doe
Ba doo ba da, ba ba b'day doe
Where's your Big Bang Theory now, Mr. Einstein?
But wait, there's more!
God then made the sky.

God made the Sky, Sky
Yeah, God made the Sky, Sky! Woo,
God made the High and Low, for this show
Act 2 in the Greatest Show on Earth!
The second Day of Creation has been done
Ba doo ba da, ba ba b'day doe
Send no money.
Repeat. Send no money.
God sends the bill on Judgement Day.
But wait.... yes there's more.

Earth! Water! Plants! Fruit!
When these new things combine
The third Day of Creation has been done
Ba doo ba da, ba ba b'day doe
And just when you thought God was finished!
Finished? No... just warming up.

Then came the sun, moon and stars.
Day four, Day four
But wait there's more!
Also included are birds, sea monsters and fish!
Day five, Day five, Sea and Air come alive.

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Now we come to the big day
The one we've all been waiting for!
God then said,
"Let Us make humans! They will be like Us!"
They will look like Us! Pretty scary, eh? Yeah!
Let there be Us! Us!
Yeah let there be Us, Us! Woah!
Let there be Male, let there be Female,
We will have power, over the fish, birds, animals.
I hope this is a good idea, God? Yeah
The sixth day of Creation has been done!
Ba doo ba da, ba ba b'day doe

Then God had a big rest...
Until God realised there was one more thing to create...
Trevor!?! Is this from the Bible?
Steak knives, steak knives,
Let there be steak knives.
Mind you, at no extra cost! Cha! Cha! Cha!

03 NOAH BUILT AN ARK

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Noah built an ark,
and they laughed,
the people laughed.
Noah built an ark,
and they laughed,
the people laughed.

Then the rain,
came and came,
forty nights and forty days.

Noah, built an ark,
the dry land vanished,
the people perished.
They would not listen,
listen to God.

Noah built an ark,
and they laughed,
the people laughed.
We must learn,
in our turn,
how to live in God's world!

Noah built an ark,
built an ark, built an ark.

04 GRANNY

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Granny always had a smile for me.
Granny loved to have a cup of tea.
Granny never had to have false teeth,
I really miss her, miss her now she's gone.

Granny had a lovely big backyard.
Granny knew the names of all the stars.
Granny never made my life too hard,
I really miss her, miss her now she's gone.
I really miss her, miss her now she's gone.

Now her garden is all overgrown
and her fav'rite things live in boxes,
waiting for new homes.

Granny had a really wrinkly face.
Granny went with us on holidays.
Granny nobody can take her place,
I really miss her, miss her now she's gone.
I really miss her.

05 STORY OF CHRISTMAS

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If the story of Christmas was happening today,
I wonder what the world would have to say?
In the glare of the street lights
a woman and a man are searching for a place to have a baby.

“Get on your way, sorry to say,
we haven’t got the time now!”
“It’s late at night, hop on your bike,
we haven’t got the room now!”

And who would be the one to reach out?
Who would find a place to have a homeless baby, baby?
And if we could stretch our minds,
to imagine a diff’rent time.

Reader:

Dear Dianne and everyone in the show... hello from dusty Palestine! How are the boys and girls would have laughed to see Mrs. White riding a camel yesterday! Yes it’s true... I have a big bruise to prove it too, not that I can show anyone.

Today I have been walking the streets of Bethlehem, seeing and smelling Jesus’ first hometown. I was just another tourist really, but for some reason I kept looking for a familiar face in the crowd, half expecting a two year old Jesus to run up and take my hand!

And then I got a big scare when a tank full of soldiers hurtled through town and a little child was in the way. I was sure it would be run over, right in front of me. But a young man snatched it up out of the way. Phew! My heart is racing just to think of it... and I know I will never be able to hear the Christmas story again without remembering the look of terror on the Child’s face! It makes a difference to know there is a real Bethlehem, and to have been here. I will have to tell the story differently now. Love to all the cast, Mrs White.

If the story of Christmas was happening today,
I wonder what the world would have to say?
For the story continues to spill into our lives,
we’re searching for a way to meet the baby.

“Get on your way, sorry to say,
we haven’t got the time now!”
“It’s getting late, at any rate,
we haven’t got the room now!”

Silent night is fading away!
Holy night is slipping away!
Light up the candle!
Reclaim the festival!
Light up the candle!
Tell the story again.
Tell the story again.

06 GOD'S NEVER ENDING STORY

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Didn't start in a book,
won't end in a book,
God's never ending story.
More than words can say,
more than yesterday,
God's never ending story.
You are in it, I am in it,
we are in it, together!
You can tell it, I can tell it,
we can tell it together!

It's a story of love. Love.
It's a story of hope. Hope.
It's a story to last eternity.
It's a story of friends. Friends.
It's a story of faith. Faith.
It's a story to set the whole world free.

Ordinary people being extra ordinary,
finding ways to join in God's adventure.
People just like you and me,
come and join the story,
making it come alive.

Didn't start in a book,
won't end in a book,
God's never ending story.
More than words can say,
more than yesterday,
God's never ending story.
Never ending.
God keeps telling stories.
God keeps telling stories.
Yeah.