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Sugar Hill Stake Choir Christmas Concert
December 14, 2008

Narrator: Cindi Pickett

“Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant” and join with us now as we celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season with the spoken word and music. We are most grateful to have The Golden Bells Ensemble as our special guests this evening - Let us make a joyful noise together unto the Lord.

Music is such an integral part of Christmas – the joyous sounds that can lift our hearts and make us glad to celebrate the miracle of Jesus’ birth. Remember with fondness the caroling parties, the joy you felt in lighting up an otherwise dark home and cheering people who were in need of love and caring. And, then, if you will, remember the smells of Christmas – cinnamon, newly cut pine, fresh baked cookies, the roasting of turkey and all the other luscious goodies that make you feel warm and happy inside. Christmas abounds with the excitement of keeping secrets, presents to wrap, cards and letters to write, remembering loved ones as we gather with friends and family. It is a time to be grateful for so many things – a faith in all that is good in the world – the selfless spirit of doing for others – laughter and friendship – the spreading of cheer – the guileless wonder of children – the sweet joy of families – the tender knowledge that you are loved and have someone to love – hearts that truly will always “go home for Christmas.” **(Choir stand)**

My Heart Goes Home For Christmas
Come, Dear Children (Choir sit)

Narrator: Brad Beaton

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings of this wonderful Christmas season we celebrate is that it increases our sensitivity to things spiritual to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. It causes us to contemplate our relationship with our Father and the degree of devotion we have for Him. It prompts us to remember that night in Bethlehem when shepherds and wise men followed the star and knelt before the King of Kings. What a wonder to behold the baby who was to be the King and the Savior of the world. How remarkable that this timeless story from ancient history continues to be told over and over again today. The angel’s music still plays just as it did those many years ago in Bethlehem. We cannot help but celebrate and humble ourselves as we reflect on that sacred birth. In the words of Christina Rossetti “What can I give Him, I’ll give Him my Heart.” **(Choir stand)**

In the Bleak Mid-Winter (Women sit)
Masters in this Hall (Men sit)
We Three Kings – Golden Bells (Choir stand)
Bethlehem Procession

Narrator: Carrollon Blanpied

Long years ago on a deep winter night
High in the heavens a star shown bright
While in a manger a wee baby lay
Sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.

Jesus, our Lord was that baby so small
Laid down to sleep in a humble stall
Then came the star and it stood over head
Shedding its light round his little bed.

Dear Baby Jesus how tiny thou art
I'll make a place for thee in my heart
And when the stars in the heavens I see
Ever and always, I think of thee.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no room in the inn."

Night of Wonder (Choir sit)

O Little Town of Bethlehem - Piano Duet - Eric & Michelle

Silent Night - Golden Bells

Little Drummer Boy - Golden Bells

Oh Holy Night - Rebecca Arenas

Narrator: Brad Beaton

For centuries the bells of churches in every land have rung a warning and an announcement. Church bells would ring for an hour before midnight on Christmas Eve as if to warn the powers of darkness of the approaching birth of the Savior. At midnight, they would change to a joyous pealing, ringing out the announcement, "Christ is Born!" Hear, oh hear the Christmas bells - full and clear they ring. (Choir stand)

Can You Hear the Christmas Bells

Carol of the Bells - with Golden Bells (Choir sit)

Narrator: Jared Nelson

It is Christ, who in the bloom of perfect manhood and with the inspiration of divinity said, "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." This knowledge causes us to contemplate our relationship with our Father and the degree of devotion we have for Him. We all have experiences in life that will challenge our vision. Can the deepest valley shadow our understanding of the love of the Father? Can the vastness of an ocean of despair cause a question of His commitment to any one of His children? It is during this time we pray that our Star of Bethlehem will shine on, leading us back to our Father in Heaven.

Star of Bethlehem (Men Sit)

The Jesus Gift - women (Women sit)

Greensleeves - Golden Bells (Choir stand)

Narrator: Jared Nelson

For more than two thousand years, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has been an inspiration to countless millions of people. He is still the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. His message of love, peace on earth and goodwill to all men remains the same today as it was on that first Christmas when He was born into the world as a Child of Hope. "For the Lord God, Omnipotent reigneth" - - He lives! (Choir remains standing until after the prayer).

Hallelujah Chorus

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