

# Play Script

## Act One - The Village in the Snow

*(Begin with everyone backstage. The Main Theme music plays and the curtain opens).*

*(The Lindgren family enter first and take their place at the right of the stage which is set up as the inside of their house. They are followed by the other Grown-Ups and Children who enter onto the stage in their family groups).*

*(When everyone is in position, the Main Theme music segues into 'Sleigh Bells in the Night')*



### Sleigh Bells in the Night

Whole Cast and Choir

*(At the end of the song, all the Villagers, with the exception of the Lindgren family leave the stage)*

*(In the Lindgren house, Mr. Lindgren is trying to calm his wife who is worrying about the preparations for the annual Gathering of the Villages)*

MRS LINDGREN: *(exasperated)*

Oh dear, Christmas is almost here and nothing is ready!

Every year we know we have the gathering of the Villages and every year we are not ready in time.

MR LINDGREN: *(putting his arm on his wife's shoulder)*

Come on dear. Try to relax a little.

MRS LINDGREN: I can't, there's just so much to do. I want everything to be perfect; no mistakes this year.

MR LINDGREN: Try not to think about it. At least we don't have to worry about the presents.

*(Maya and Olaf come rushing in)*

OLAF: Hey, Dad, what was that you were saying about presents?

MR LINDGREN: Oh, nothing. We were just saying how Santa won't be coming this year unless he sees that all the jobs have been done.

OLAF: Yeah, we know. You've been saying that since before I was born.  
Why not just blame it on that stupid curse like everyone else does?

MRS LINDGREN: Olaf! Now you watch you're tongue, I don't want to have to ...

MAYA: *(interrupting)*  
Mum, Dad, we've something to show you!

MRS LINDGREN: Not now Maya, I'm far too busy.

MAYA: C'mon Mum!

*(Maya drags her parents out to centre stage. The other children enter the stage dragging their parents out too)*

MAYA: Don't worry! Look, we've finished everything! This year's Gathering of the Villages Festival will be the best ever!

MRS LINDGREN: You've finished everything?

MAYA: Yes, everything!

*(The Grown-Ups chant the following either one at a time or in family groups)*

GROWN-UPS: Did you stack the firewood?  
Have you cleaned the grates?

CHILDREN (ALL): YES!

GROWN-UPS: Did you sort the apples out?  
And put them all in crates?

CHILDREN: YES!

GROWN-UPS: Are the decorations up?  
Are the biscuits baked?

CHILDREN: YES!

GROWN-UPS: Have you fed the animals?  
Has the straw been raked?

CHILDREN: YES!

GROWN-UPS: What a lot of work you've done,  
it's everything we've said!

CHILDREN: YES!