

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride  
CALL SCRIPT

[1] ON  
SD 1  
LX 2

HOUSE OPEN

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PLACES

SD 2

**CONDUCTOR**

*(voice over)*

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, our production of THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride will begin in just a few minutes. Please make your way to your seats now, and move down the row, filling in all available space. A reminder that the middle aisles do need to remain clear at all times, as they will be used by our performers. Photos and video recording are allowed and welcomed, so feel free to get your cameras out now. After our opening show, please remember to remain seated until a train performer leads you to your next location outside of this theatre. Our performance of THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride will begin in just a few minutes. Thank you.

**CHECK IN:**

- CATERING
- EVENT DIRECTOR

**WARN:**

TOP OF SHOW  
5 MIN. TO BOARD

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SD 3

**CONDUCTOR:**

*(voice over)*

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, our performance is about to begin. With the cooperation of Warner Brothers, Rail Events, and the Orlando/Northwestern Railway, we now present the production of THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride!^

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LX 3

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**PRESHOW – SPIRIT OF THE SEASON**

*(count slow)*

*Roll into-*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 *(marks moving lights)* LX 4

2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

3 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

4 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*(count faster)*

△ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 [1] OFF LX 5

2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**STEWARDS:** △ IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON LX 6

YOU CAN FEEL IT IN THE AIR

YOU CAN FEEL IT IF YOU LISTEN

EV'RYWHERE, SO MUCH CARE, LIKE A PRAYER LX 7

WHAT<sup>^</sup>EVER IT IS YOU NEED TO SHARE IT. LX 8

IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

(FA-LA-LA LA LA LA LA LA)

YOU AN HEAR IT IN THE AIR

(FA-LA-LA LA LA-LA-LA LA LA LA)

△ PEOPLE SMILE AS THEY PASS YOU BY LX 9

THE DAY WILL BE HERE SOON

△ DREAMS ARE DANCING IN THE CHILDREN'S EYES. LX 10

HEARTS ARE SINGING, BELLS ARE RINGING, TOO.

△ IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON LX 11

FILLING HEARTS WITH LOVE AND CARE

LIKE A SHINING STAR IT GLISTENS,

EV'RYWHERE, FEEL IT THERE,

LIKE A PRAYER. 3 4 5 6 △ LX 12

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8△ LX 13

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SNOW IS FALLING AS YOU RUSH DOWNTOWN  
THE CITY STARTS TO GLOW  
LAUGHTER MIXES WITH THE HAPPY SOUNDS  
HEARTS ARE SINGING, BELLS ARE RINGING, TOO

IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON [3] ON  
LX 14

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FILLING HEARTS WITH LOVE AND CARE  
LIKE THE SHINING STAR IT GLISTENS  
EV'RYWHERE, FEEL IT THERE, LIKE A PRAYER.  
WHATEVER IT IS YOU NEED TO SHARE IT

IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

5 6 7 8

YOU CAN FEEL IT IN THE AIR

5 6 7 8

[3] OFF

1 2 3 4 5 & 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

*(count slow)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

DANCERS EXIT

LX 15

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*(modulates)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*(ahs)*

1... 2 & 3 ... 4 & 5 (6 7 8)

*Bells tinkle*

VIDEO PANS TO BEDROOM

LX 16

*Final chord*

LX 17

## BEDROOM SCENE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LX 18

**NARRATOR**

*(voice over)*

On Christmas Eve, many years ago, I lay quietly in my bed. I did not rustle the sheets. I breathed slowly and silently. I was listening for a sound I was afraid I'd never hear... the ringing bells of Santa's sleigh!

*Musical interlude:*

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 2 3 4 5 6^7 8

LX 19

*HERO BOY sits up, and looks out the window.*

**SISTER** They said Santa's sleigh would have to fly faster than the speed of light to get to everyone's house in one night!

**DAD** So? HERO BOY X TO DOOR LX 20

**SISTER** And to hold everyone's presents, his sled would have to be bigger than an ocean liner!

**DAD** Wait, he really said that? He was just kidding you. He knows there's a Santa.

**SISTER** He said he wasn't sure. He said he wasn't sure if Santa was for real.

**DAD** Of course Santa's for real. He's as real as Christmas itself.

**MOM** But he won't come until you're sound asleep, young lady. Sweet dreams.

**DAD** Santa will be here before you know it, so go to sleep.

*Door shuts.* LX 21

*Clock ticks.* HERO BOY X TO BED LX 22

*Clock stops.*

*Rustling begins,*

*Rustling grows.* LX 23

*^ Train whistle* LX 24

*Train slows to a stop.* LX 25

LX 26

**CONDUCTOR** All aboard! All aboard!

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**HERO BOY**      The... Pol.. ar... Ex... press. The Polar Express! Whoa!

*HERO BOY grabs his robe and exits through the door.*

△HERO BOY enters the lower stage. LX 27

I'm going to go outside and see what's going on!△ LX 28

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**CONDUCTOR SCENE**

**CONDUCTOR** You there, ya coming?

**HERO BOY** Where?

**CONDUCTOR** Why , the North Pole, of course! This is the Polar Express!

**HERO BOY** The North Pole? Is it real?

**CONDUCTOR** Ah, I see.  
*Pulls out a photo.*  
Is this you?

**HERO BOY** Yes.

**CONDUCTOR** Well, it says here... No photo with Santa, no letter to Santa, and you made your sister put out the milk and cookies. Sounds to me like this is your crucial year. If I were you, I would think about climbing on board.

*HERO BOY doesn't move.*

Come on, come on, I've got a very tight schedule to keep.

*HERO BOY climbs onboard.*

Well the, how about all of you? Are ya comin'?

*AUDIENCE reacts.*

I said, are you coming?

*AUDIENCE reacts.*

All aboard the Polar Express!