

# **How Rudolph Got His Red Nose**

**A Christmas musical for Key Stage 1 (5-7s)**

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## **THE STORY (SYNOPSIS)**

It was Christmas Eve. Rudolph the reindeer lived in a snowy place, far, far away, called the Land of Christmas.

### **Song 1: In a land far, far away**

Rudolph was a kind and gentle little reindeer, but, for no good reason, the other reindeer - Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen weren't very kind back to him.

They would tease him and laugh at him and call him names like 'Titch' or 'Baby Face', and they wouldn't let him join in their reindeer games.

If he tried to play hide and seek with them, they would say, "No! We've already started!" If he asked for a slice of best chocolate cake, they would say, "No! None left!" If he tried to follow them into the snowy forest, they would say, "No! Go away, Rudolph!"

### **Song 2: Go away, Rudolph!**

Worst of all, Rudolph never got asked to pull Santa's sleigh. The other reindeer always made sure they got picked first. And when Santa came to inspect the reindeer on Christmas Eve, the others made sure Rudolph didn't get noticed.

But Rudolph did have a best friend, a fairy called Fae. She was kind and she liked to spend time with him. They had lots of fun together. Fairy Fae felt sorry for Rudolph and granted him three wishes with her magic wand because he was feeling so left out.

### **Song 3: Three wishes... Abracadabra!**

With a wave of her wand, one of Rudolph's favourite chocolate cakes appeared. With another wave of her wand came a lovely new bike. For Rudolph's third wish, Fae conjured a trip to the seaside, somewhere that reindeer don't often go! Rudolph had such fun. After all the excitement, they both quickly became tired and fell asleep.

### **Instrumental: Dance of the forest animals**

But Dancer had been watching and he told the other reindeer about Rudolph's three wishes. The other reindeer didn't like Rudolph having Fae as his special friend. They were jealous because of all the lovely things she did for him.

Naughty reindeer, Donder, decided he would like to try out the magic wand for himself, and plotted to borrow it whilst Fae and Rudolph were sleeping. But the forest animals and the snowmen warned him how dangerous it would be to use the wand.

### **Song 4: Donder, don't do that!**

But Donder took no notice, and took the wand.

When Fae woke up, she couldn't find her wand anywhere. She thought she might have left it behind at the seaside. So she went to find it, leaving Rudolph alone. As Fae left, Rudolph told her to hurry because it was getting dark. He sat down to wait for her, watching as the moon and the stars began to appear.

### **Instrumental: Dance of the moon and stars**

Soon, the other reindeer came along. They gathered around Rudolph and started to make fun of him again. Donder brought out the magic wand. Rudolph pleaded with him not to play with it, but he took no notice.

### **Sound effect: Magic wand (x3)**

Donder waved the wand and in a flash Rudolph had a blue tail! The other reindeer laughed. "Rudolph the blue tailed reindeer", they sang. Donder waved the wand again and in a flash Rudolph had green spotted antlers! "Rudolph the green spotted reindeer", the reindeer all sang. Donder waved the wand a third time and in a flash Rudolph had a glowing red nose! "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer", they all sang.

But before Donder could do any more damage, Fairy Fae appeared and snatched back her wand. She told off Donder for misusing her wand and making fun of little Rudolph. Fae turned to Rudolph and was about to magic his nose back to how it should be, when Santa came running up in a terrible state!

### **Song 5: Santa's in a terrible state!**

He told everyone that the headlights on his sleigh were broken. The garage couldn't fix them until Boxing Day! "What will I do on this foggy Christmas Eve?" despaired Santa.

He suddenly spotted Rudolph with his red nose. "My, my, who is this bright-nosed little chap?" Santa asked. The other reindeer hung their heads in shame. They told Santa that the red nose was their doing and admitted they had been very mean.

Santa then turned to Rudolph and asked him if he would do a very special job for him. He asked Rudolph to guide his sleigh that night! Rudolph was delighted, and the other reindeer shouted out with glee and patted him on the back. They told Rudolph that they would play and share with him in future. Santa started the countdown to take off. Fairy Fae was allowed to travel on the sleigh too.

### **Song 6: Christmas Eve Launch Party**

And since then, Rudolph has guided Santa's sleigh every year and he's even grown to like his red nose! No wonder he's gone down in history!

### **Song 7: Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer**

## **CHARACTERS & COSTUMES**

### **Costumes tips:**

Rather than using masks for animals, use face paints or headbands with animal faces stuck on them that will not cause the children any undue annoyance or discomfort. A mask will also stop their voices projecting so well. Also, avoid heavy and cumbersome costumes. Keep them cool and above ankle length to prevent tripping.

Rudolph (see Scenery & Props for detachable parts of costume required!)

Other reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen

Santa

Fairy Fae

Alfie Elf & Ellie Elf

Sally Snowflake & Sid the Snowman

Fatima Fox, Billy Badger & Ronnie Rabbit

Minnie Moon

Stella Star & Stanley Star

Pixie Pete & Fairy Fluff

Other fairies & pixies (any number)

Other snowflakes (any number)

Other snowmen (any number)

Other stars (any number)

The Dancing Chocolate Cake

Forest animals: rabbits, foxes, badgers, mice and others of children's choosing (any number)

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*Narrators Alfie Elf and Ellie Elf walk on stage from opposite sides, waving at the audience, to the sound of hanging chimes or glockenspiels being played 'glissando' (gently up and down).*

- Alfie Elf:** *(to audience)* Good afternoon. Welcome to our show!
- Ellie Elf:** *(butts in, in an excitable, high pitched voice)* Welcome to our show!
- Alfie Elf:** *(continuing)* It's a wonderful show, a magical show...
- Ellie Elf:** *(butts in, excitedly)* A magical show!
- Alfie Elf:** *(looking cross)* ...and it's all about...
- Ellie Elf:** It's all about... *(dances a little tap dance with a 'ta-dah!' finish)* ...me!
- Alfie Elf:** *(to audience)* Please excuse my friend, ladies and gentlemen. *(to Ellie Elf)* It's not about you, Ellie Elf!
- Ellie Elf:** *(in pantomime style)* Oh, yes it is, Alfie Elf!
- Alfie Elf:** *(encouraging audience to join in)* Oh, no it isn't!
- Ellie Elf:** Oh, yes it is!
- Alfie Elf:** Oh, no it isn't!
- Ellie Elf:** Oh, yes it is!

*Santa walks on stage as the elves continue to argue. He bows to the audience and steps between the elves like a boxing ring referee. He holds out his arms, keeping the elves apart, who continue to point and hold up fists at each other.*

**Santa:** *(in a grand Santa voice, silencing the elves, making the most of the rhyming words) Elves... elves...  
Don't make fools of yourselves! It's nearly Christmas!*

*The two elves put their hands behind their backs and hang their heads shamefully.*

**Santa:** *(announces to audience) Ladies and gentlemen, this story is all about someone you know well... Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer. The story begins in a land far, far away. The Land of Christmas...*

*During the song, snowflakes and snowmen, stars, reindeer, forest animals, Santa and his elves dance to their respective verses.*

### **Song 1: In a land far, far away**

**In a land far, far away,  
Where the snow falls ev'ry day,  
Where the flowers and trees are painted white,  
And snowmen dance in the bright moonlight.  
It's the Land of Christmas!  
It's the Land of Christmas!  
What a beautiful place to be at Christmas time!**

**In a land far, far away,  
Where the reindeer sing and play,  
Where the foxes and rabbits and badgers and mice  
Skate all day on a lake of ice.  
It's the Land of Christmas!  
It's the Land of Christmas!  
What a beautiful place to be at Christmas time!**

**And Santa lives here too,  
Making presents for me and you,  
They've got to be ready by Christmas Eve,  
Oh, there's always lots to do!**

**In a land far, far away,  
Santa's elves work hard ev'ry day,  
But when they are done, then they have some fun,  
Larking around in the winter sun.  
It's the Land of Christmas,  
It's the Land of Christmas,  
What a beautiful place to be at Christmas time!  
What a beautiful place to be at Christmas time!**

*The performers return to their home bases.*

*Narrators Sally Snowflake and Sid the Snowman move centre stage, to the sound of hanging chimes.*

**Sally Snowflake:** Rudolph was a kind and gentle little reindeer.

**Sid the Snowman:** But, the other reindeer weren't very kind to him.

*Sid and Sally shake their heads sadly.*

**Both:** We don't know why...

**Sally Snowflake:** All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.

**Sid the Snowman:** They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.

*Sid and Sally sadly return to their home bases.*

*The eight other reindeer walk on stage in a group, as if playing a game of hide and seek.*

**Dasher:** My turn now! Off you go!

*Dasher crouches centre stage, covers his eyes and counts slowly.*

One... two... three... four... five... six...

*The other reindeer quickly 'hide', anywhere they might, on stage or in or near the audience. They needn't be hidden very well. Ideally they should still be visible to the audience and spread widely around the acting area so that their voices are heard from different places.*

*Rudolph walks on stage jauntily. He approaches Dasher and taps him on the shoulder.*

**Rudolph:** *(happily)* Hello, Dasher!

*Dasher uncovers his eyes and looks up.*

**Dasher:** Oh, no. It's Titch.

**Rudolph:** I'm not Titch, I'm Rudolph. What are you playing?

**Dasher:** *(crossly)* Hide and seek, can't you see?

**Rudolph:** Can I play?

**Vixen:** *(from hiding place)* But we've already started!

**Prancer:** *(from hiding place)* We're in the middle of a game!

**Cupid:** *(from hiding place)* There's nowhere left to hide!

**Blitzen:** *(moans, from hiding place)* And Dasher knows where we're hiding now!

*Dasher stands up. The reindeer come out of their hiding places and group around him, looking fed up. Rudolph looks worried.*

**Dancer:** *(sulkily)* No point playing now.

**Comet:** *(at Rudolph, crossly)* You've spoilt it, Baby Face!

**Donder:** *(mean)* He always spoils it.

**Rudolph:** *(indignantly)* My name's not Baby Face. And I didn't mean to spoil it.

**Vixen:** *(angrily)* Well, you *have!*

**Prancer:** *(changing subject)* Is it chocolate cake time?

**Other reindeer:** *(loudly, together)* Yeah! It's chocolate cake time!  
*(not Rudolph)*

**Cupid:** Get the chocolate cake, Blitzen!

*Blitzen runs off stage and brings back a big chocolate cake. The reindeer gather round, Rudolph stands at a distance, watching.*

**Blitzen:** Who wants a piece?

**Dancer:** *(puts his hand up)* Me!

**Comet:** *(puts his hand up)* And me!

**Donder:** *(rubbing his hands)* Yummy, yummy!

*Blitzen offers the plate to each reindeer (apart from Rudolph) and they pretend to eat, making loud munching noises.*

**Rudolph:** Can I have some, please?

**Blitzen:** *(shows Rudolph the empty plate)* There's none left.

**Other reindeer:** *(together)* There's none left!

*Rudolph looks sorry for himself, whilst Blitzen quickly collects in the pieces of cake and quickly takes them off stage.*

**Rudolph:** *(disappointed)* That's a shame... I like chocolate cake.



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**Sound effect: Magic wand** *(or create your own wand sound effect!)*

*At the sound of the magic wand, the cloth is whipped away and there is Rudolph with a blue tail. Rudolph looks aghast at the tail.*

**Vixen:** *(pointing)* Ha ha! Look! Rudolph's got a blue tail!

**Other reindeer:** *(singing, to the tune of 'Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer')*

**Rudolph the blue-tailed reindeer,  
Had a very bright blue tail!...**

**Fatima Fox:** That's not funny, Donder!

**Sid the Snowman:** Put it back how it was, Donder!

**Donder:** What, like this? *(he waves the wand at Rudolph)*  
Abracadabra!

*Behind the magic cloth, Rudolph's tail is changed back to the brown one, but his antlers are changed to the green spotted ones.*

**Sound effect: Magic wand**

*At the sound of the magic wand, the cloth is whipped away and there is Rudolph with green spotted antlers. Rudolph looks upwards, trying to see what they look like.*

**Prancer:** *(pointing)* Ha ha! Look! Rudolph's got green spotted antlers!

**Other reindeer:** *(singing)* **Rudolph the green spotted reindeer,  
Had two very green spotted antlers!...**

**Stella Star:** Don't be mean, Donder!

**Stanley Star:** Change them back now!

**Donder:** What, like this? *(he waves the wand at Rudolph)*  
Abracadabra!

*Behind the magic cloth, Rudolph's antlers are changed back to the original ones, and he puts on his red nose.*

**Sound effect: Magic wand**

*At the sound of the magic wand, the cloth is whipped away and there is Rudolph with a red nose.*

**Cupid:** *(pointing)* Ha ha! Look! Rudolph's got a red nose!

**Other reindeer:** *(singing)* **Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
Had a very shiny nose...!**

*Blitzen pulls out a mirror and shows Rudolph what he looks like.*

**Rudolph:** *(touches his nose)* Oh, no! I don't like it! Change it back!

*Fairy Fae rushes back on stage and snatches the wand from Donder.*

**Fairy Fae:** Goodness me! What's going on?

**Rudolph:** Fairy Fae, look at my nose!

**Fairy Fae:** *(in a cross voice, marches up to Donder)* What have you been getting up to?

**Donder:** *(sheepish, a little nervous)* I was only borrowing it.

**Fairy Fae:** Borrowing it, indeed! What do you say?

**Donder:** *(pauses first, speaks quietly)* ...Sorry.

**Fairy Fae:** Say it again.

**Donder:** *(hangs head in shame, louder)* Sorry.

**Fairy Fae:** *(turns to Rudolph)* Don't worry, Rudolph. Your nose will soon be back to normal. *(waves her wand at him)*  
Abraca... *(loud jingle bells interrupt)*

*Fairy Fae is interrupted by Santa, who runs on stage, in a terrible state, to the frantic playing of jingle bells! He is pursued by Alfie and Ellie the elves, in an equally panic stricken state. They all run around the stage, hands waving in the air.*

**Santa:** *(in a loud, low pitched Santa voice)*  
What am I going to do? What am I going to do?

**Alfie Elf & Ellie Elf:** *(in trill, high pitched voices)*  
What is he going to do? What is he going to do?

*Santa stomps about the stage during the song, comically supported by the hapless elves.*

### **Song 5: Santa's in a terrible state!**

**Santa's in a terrible state,  
Terrible state, terrible state!  
Santa's in a terrible state!  
There's trouble on Christmas Eve!  
Are the reindeer ill?  
Has Dasher caught a chill? *(Dasher sneezes)*  
**Santa:** *(spoken)* "No, no, no no no no!  
**Elves:** *(high pitched, spoken)* **What can it be?  
What can it be?**  
**All:** **It should be time to celebrate,  
But Santa's in a terrible state!****

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