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**CAST LIST**

***In the following list the bracketed number shows the number of spoken lines each character has.***

***An asterisk (\*) before the character's name indicates that this character has solo or featured sung lines.***

***The Vikings***

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Skald                   | (62) |
| Harald Bluetooth        | (21) |
| Magnus Red Nose         | (10) |
| Hilda                   | (8)  |
| Gudrun                  | (5)  |
| Gorm                    | (8)  |
| Ragnar                  | (6)  |
| 3 x Dragon Ship Vikings | (0)  |
| 6 x Viking Choir        | (0)  |

***The Trondheim Crew***

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Astrid | (21) |
| Eric   | (14) |
| Ivor   | (15) |
| Freya  | (18) |
| Bjorn  | (16) |
| Sven   | (15) |

***Santaland Characters***

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| *Santa          | (30) |
| Dasher          | (9)  |
| Dancer          | (16) |
| Cupid           | (3)  |
| Rudolph         | (3)  |
| Blitzen         | (2)  |
| Comet           | (3)  |
| Prancer         | (4)  |
| Polar Bear      | (11) |
| *Buddy Gumdrops | (4)  |
| Ollypops        | (8)  |
| Bubbles         | (5)  |
| Basil           | (3)  |
| Mistletoe       | (3)  |
| Chip            | (5)  |
| Sparkle         | (7)  |
| Chalky          | (6)  |
| 6 x Elf Choir   | (0)  |

## **SPEAKING ROLES BY NUMBER OF LINES**

***N.B. In the following list, the number shows how many SPOKEN lines each role has.***

***An asterisk (\*) before the character's name indicates that this character has solo or featured sung lines.***

|                       |                            |    |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----|
| Skald.....            | Viking Storyteller.....    | 62 |
| *Santa.....           |                            | 30 |
| Astrid .....          | Trondheim Crew .....       | 21 |
| Harald Bluetooth..... | Legendary Viking Lord..... | 21 |
| Freya .....           | Trondheim Crew .....       | 18 |
| Dancer .....          | Reindeer .....             | 16 |
| Bjorn .....           | Trondheim Crew .....       | 16 |
| Ivor .....            | Trondheim Crew .....       | 15 |
| Sven .....            | Trondheim Crew .....       | 15 |
| Eric .....            | Trondheim Crew .....       | 14 |
| Polar Bear.....       |                            | 11 |
| Magnus Red Nose.....  | Viking Lord.....           | 10 |
| Dasher .....          | Reindeer .....             | 9  |
| Gorm.....             | Feasting Viking .....      | 8  |
| Hilda .....           | Feasting Viking .....      | 8  |
| Ollypops.....         | Elf .....                  | 8  |
| Sparkle .....         | Elf .....                  | 7  |
| Ragnar.....           | Feasting Viking .....      | 6  |
| Chalky.....           | Elf .....                  | 6  |
| Gudrun.....           | Feasting Viking .....      | 5  |
| Bubbles.....          | Elf .....                  | 5  |
| Chip .....            | Elf .....                  | 5  |
| *Buddy Gumdrops ..... | Elf .....                  | 4  |
| Prancer .....         | Reindeer .....             | 4  |
| Basil.....            | Elf .....                  | 3  |
| Mistletoe .....       | Elf .....                  | 3  |
| Rudolph .....         | Reindeer .....             | 3  |
| Comet.....            | Reindeer .....             | 3  |
| Cupid .....           | Reindeer .....             | 3  |
| Blitzen.....          | Reindeer .....             | 2  |

***Non-speaking roles: 3 x Dragon Ship Vikings; 6 x Viking Choir; 6 x Elf Choir.***

**SUGGESTED CAST LIST FOR 28 ACTORS**

***N.B. In the following list, the number shows how many SPOKEN lines each role has.***

***An asterisk (\*) before the character's name indicates that this character has solo or featured sung lines.***

|                       |                                       |    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----|
| Skald.....            |                                       | 62 |
| *Santa.....           |                                       | 30 |
| Astrid .....          |                                       | 21 |
| Harald Bluetooth..... |                                       | 21 |
| Freya .....           |                                       | 18 |
| Dancer.....           | Also plays Blitzen .....              | 18 |
| Bjorn .....           |                                       | 16 |
| Ivor .....            |                                       | 15 |
| Sven .....            |                                       | 15 |
| *Buddy Gumdrops ..... | Also plays Polar Bear as an Elf ..... | 15 |
| Eric .....            |                                       | 14 |
| Dasher.....           | Also plays Comet.....                 | 12 |
| Bubbles.....          | Also plays Sparkle .....              | 12 |
| Chip .....            | Also plays Chalky .....               | 11 |
| Magnus Red Nose.....  | Viking Lord.....                      | 10 |
| Gorm.....             | Feasting Viking .....                 | 8  |
| Ollypops.....         | Elf .....                             | 8  |
| Hilda .....           | Feasting Viking .....                 | 8  |
| Ragnar.....           | Feasting Viking .....                 | 6  |
| Gudrun.....           | Feasting Viking .....                 | 5  |
| Prancer .....         | Reindeer .....                        | 4  |
| Basil.....            | Elf .....                             | 3  |
| Mistletoe .....       | Elf .....                             | 3  |
| Rudolph .....         | Reindeer .....                        | 3  |
| Cupid .....           | Reindeer .....                        | 3  |

***Non-speaking roles: 3 x Dragon Ship Vikings also become Viking Choir and sing with Viking actors; Elf Choir - sung by Elf actors.***

**CHARACTERS IN EACH SCENE****Scene One**

Magnus  
Hilda  
Gudrun  
Gorm  
Ragnar  
Viking Choir x 6  
Skald  
Harald Bluetooth  
Dragon Ship  
Vikings x 3  
Eric  
Freya  
Sven  
Ivor  
Astrid  
Bjorn

**Scene Two**

Magnus  
Hilda  
Gudrun  
Gorm  
Ragnar  
Viking Singers x 6  
Skald  
Harald Bluetooth  
Eric  
Freya  
Sven  
Ivor  
Astrid  
Bjorn

**Scene Three**

Magnus  
Hilda  
Gudrun  
Gorm  
Ragnar  
Skald  
Eric  
Freya  
Sven  
Ivor  
Astrid  
Bjorn  
Dasher  
Dancer  
Polar Bear

**Scene Four**

Magnus  
Hilda  
Gudrun  
Gorm  
Ragnar  
Skald  
Eric  
Freya  
Sven  
Ivor  
Astrid  
Bjorn  
Buddy  
Polar Bear  
Elf Choir  
Ollypops  
Dasher  
Dancer  
Chip  
Bubbles  
Basil  
Mistletoe

**Scene Five**

Magnus  
Hilda  
Gudrun  
Gorm  
Ragnar  
Skald  
Eric  
Freya  
Sven  
Ivor  
Astrid  
Bjorn  
Bubbles  
Basil  
Mistletoe  
Chip  
Santa  
Elf Choir  
Sparkle  
Chalky  
Rudolph  
Blitzen  
Comet

**Scene Six**

Magnus  
Hilda  
Gudrun  
Gorm  
Ragnar  
Skald  
Eric  
Freya  
Sven  
Ivor  
Astrid  
Bjorn  
Santa  
Elf Choir  
Sparkle  
Chalky  
Rudolph  
Blitzen  
Comet  
Prancer  
Cupid  
Entire Cast for  
Final Song

## **LIST OF PROPERTIES**

### **Scene One**

Feasting table with 5/6 goblets ..... Magnus and Feasting Vikings  
 Throne ..... Magnus  
 Four chairs..... Feasting Vikings  
 Chair ..... Skald

***N.B The above properties remain on stage throughout the show, together with Magnus Red Nose and the Feasting Vikings.***

Biscuit ..... Eric  
 Large Map ..... Harald Bluetooth  
 \*Three flags on sticks with Bluetooth-type 'Rune' symbols on them ..... Dragon Ship Vikings

### **Scene Two**

Three paper crackers with hats, whistles and jokes ..... Magnus, Feasting Vikings, Skald  
 Two inflatable rings and dragon heads as prow and stern..... Bjorn and Eric  
 Two sets of flippers, armbands and oars ..... Sven and Astrid  
 Swimming hat, goggles, bucket ..... Ivor  
 Snorkel, Bluetooth-type 'Rune' flag on a stick (From Scene One)..... Freya  
 \*Large weather symbols on card: wind, rain, lightning, thunder..... Viking Singers  
 \*Large symbol of big waves, on card ..... Viking Singers

### **Scene Three**

\*Four pieces of a broken sign ..... Ivor, Bjorn, Sven, Freya  
 \*Welcome to Santaland. Please Ring the Bell for Attention sign ..... Ivor  
 Clipboard ..... Polar Bear  
 Bells..... Dasher and Dancer

### **Scene Four**

Long table..... Elves  
 Sixteen toys in a box, namely:  
 Car, star, dog, cat, pig, wig, doll, hat, duck, truck, ball, bat, box, fox, train, track  
 Empty Box ..... For Honorary Elf song  
 Four pieces of a broken sign (From Scene Three) ..... Dasher and Dancer

**Scene Five**

Six tool belts and carpentry tools ..... Trondheim Crew  
 Amazoff Box containing candle and lots of packaging ..... Basil  
 Royal Snail Box containing wooden spoon ..... Mistletoe  
 Freezy Freight box containing large eye patch ..... Chip  
 Elvri box containing very small eye patch ..... Bubbles  
 Large scroll entitled 'The Naughty List' ..... Santa  
 Bluetooth-type 'Rune' flag on a stick (From Scene One) ..... Santa

**Scene Six**

Two pieces of broken wood ..... Cupid  
 Piece of broken wood ..... Around Prancers foot  
 Broken sleigh ..... Trondheim Crew  
 Six tool belts and carpentry tools (From Scene Five) ..... Trondheim Crew  
 Wooden battens ..... Ivor  
 Wooden planking ..... Astrid  
 Pot of glue ..... Eric  
 Pot of resin ..... Eric

***\*See page 16 for photocopyable resources***

**SCENE ONE:****YULETIDE****TRACK 1:****OPENING MUSIC**

*(Backdrop – Viking Hall.)*

*(Across the back of the stage is a long table, set ready for a feast, facing the audience. It has a throne in the centre for Magnus, and two chairs on each side of the throne for the 'Feasting Vikings' (Hilda, Gudrun, Gorm and Ragnar). There is another chair to one side for the Skald. Enter the Viking Singers who sing with the Feasting Vikings. Enter Magnus Red-Nose, Lord of the Vikings.)*

**MAGNUS:** *(Loudly and grandly, arms outstretched.)* Vikings! We welcome the Winter Solstice! Let the Yuletide Feast begin!

**TRACK 2:****YULETIDE SONG**

**VIKINGS:**

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

DECK THE HALLS WITH EVERGREEN,  
OVERFLOW THE CUPS OF MEAD,  
THE NORTHMEN REST  
WHEN THE NIGHTS GROW LONG  
AND THEY SING THEIR WINTER SOLSTICE SONG.

WILD THE WOLF AND STRONG THE BEAR,  
VIKINGS FIGHT TO WIN AND SCARE,  
BUT SWORDS ARE STILL  
IN A TIME OF PEACE  
TO CELEBRATE THE VIKING FEAST.

COLD THE NORTH WIND BLOWS.  
BRIGHT THE FIRE GLOWS.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

BURN THE YULE LOG FROM THE TREE,  
HAUL YOUR LONGSHIPS FROM THE SEA,  
THE DRAGONS SLEEP  
WHILE ODIN RIDES  
TO SEND HIS GIFTS ACROSS THE SKIES.

SO, THE NORTHMEN REST  
WHEN THE NIGHTS GROW LONG  
AND THEY SING THEIR WINTER SOLSTICE SONG.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA.

FA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA, LA LA LA,  
LA LA LA LA LA LA LAH!

*(During the singing, Magnus takes his throne in the middle of the table and the Feasting Vikings mime eating, drinking, laughing, joshing and toasting each other until the music stops. Exit Viking Singers.)*

**MAGNUS:** *(Bangs his goblet on the table and stands up holding his goblet up for a toast.)* A toast to the Viking Code!

**FEASTING:** *(All stand and raise their goblets.)* The Viking Code! RAAH! *(They shake their goblets in agreement after each point of the code.)*

**MAGNUS:** Be brave!

**FEASTING:** RAAH!

**MAGNUS:** Scare people!

**FEASTING:** RAAH! *(They pull horrible faces at the audience.)*

**MAGNUS:** Steal treasure and sparkly stuff!

**FEASTING:** RAAH!

**MAGNUS:** Honour your sword!

*(The Vikings pull out their swords and brandish them in the air as they speak.)*

**HILDA:** Bone Breaker!  
**GUDRUN:** Blood Curdler!  
**GORM:** Terror Striker!  
**RAGNAR:** Doom Maker!  
**MAGNUS:** Dragon Destroyer!  
**ALL VIKINGS:** RAAH!

*(They all sit down. In an anticlimax, the Feasting Vikings look at each other awkwardly as if they don't know what to do next, waiting for Magnus to do something.)*

**MAGNUS:** *(Stands up again quickly.)* Err... right... we need some entertainment! Call the Skald!  
**FEASTING:** *(Pleased to be able to make a lot of noise again, the Vikings bang their goblets on the table.)* SKALD, SKALD, SKALD!

*(Enter the Skald who stands mid-stage.)*

**SKALD:** *(Addresses Magnus.)* You command a story Magnus Red Nose?  
**MAGNUS:** Skald, I do! Tell us a tale of bravery and honour to warm our hearts on the darkest day of the year!

### TRACK 3: SKALD UNDERSCORE 1

**SKALD:** *(Dramatically.)* In a far-away time of winters past and summers forgotten, Harald Bluetooth was Lord of the Vikings.

*(Enter Harald Bluetooth with a large map. He struggles on stage to unfold it and look at it. From three different corners of the stage, enter three 'Dragon Ship' Vikings each holding a paper sail with the Bluetooth Rune symbol. They meet in the centre of the stage near Harald.)*

**SKALD:** Harald dreamed of connecting all his conquered lands together, using a system of dragon ships that would sail back and forth, guarding their fortunes and ensuring their protection. They went all the way south, across to the east, and followed the sunsets into the west.

*(Dragon Ship Vikings exit via the three corners they came from as Harald points with his hand as if sending them off.)*

**SKALD:** Now, there was just one last place to be conquered; a fabled kingdom far away to the north, on the edge of the world; where a great ice waterfall lay suspended between sky and mountain, like the rainbow bridge of Bifrost. Legends were told to wide-eyed children about the great god Odin, who kept his flying sleigh and his eight-legged horse, Sleipnir, in this mystical kingdom... the Kingdom of Claws!

**FEASTING:** Ooh, - the 'Kingdom of Claws'!!

**SKALD:** But, all the bravest and toughest Vikings were already on connectivity missions. There was no one left, apart from a crew of humble boat builders repairing an old ship called the Tub of Trondheim.

*(Fade underscore. Skald sits. The Crew of the Tub of Trondheim, namely Eric Ivor, Bjorn, Astrid, Freya, Sven, shuffle in from the corner not used by the Dragon Ship Vikings. They stand in front of Harald.)*

**HARALD:** *(Still struggling with his map, he throws it down angrily and addresses the Crew.)* Vikings, you have been chosen for our next raid, err... err... adventure.

**ERIC:** *(Surprised.)* What us? Chosen?

**FREYA:** *(Amazed.)* Are you quite sure?

**HARALD:** Well, you weren't my first choice...

**SVEN:** Where are we going?

**HARALD:** *(Bluntly.)* Up north.

**IVOR:** Where up north?

**HARALD:** *(Matter of factly.)* To the Kingdom of Claws.

**ASTRID:** *(Horried.)* The Kingdom of Claws? Where the toughest, wartiest, hairiest, smelliest Vikings wouldn't dare to go?

**HARALD:** *(Sheepishly.)* Well, - yes. I thought it would be a good challenge for you. It would look great on your CV - Curricula Viking.

*(The Crew look horrified.)*

**BJORN:** I take it, this is an optional mission? Like 'Your mission, should you choose to accept it'?

**HARALD:** Nope. It's your mission, whether you like it or not!

*(The Crew turn to the audience, hands on their faces in the scream pose.)*

**HARALD:** *(Crossly.)* Are you Vikings or mice? You must prepare for bravery and adventure, take out your swords and recite the Viking Code.

*(The Crew take out their swords.)*

**HARALD:** *(Firmly.)* Be brave!

**CREW:** *(Wave swords in the air, half-heartedly and roar weakly.)* Raah.

**HARALD:** *(Loudly.)* Scare people!

**ASTRID:** Well, I think its mean to scare people...

**HARALD:** *(Shouts.)* Steal treasure and sparkly stuff!

**IVOR:** That's not really fair, is it? Imagine if someone took your things...

**HARALD:** *(Really angry.)* HONOUR YOUR SWORDS!!!

**SVEN:** *(Waves sword in the air, in a sing-song voice.)* Apple slicer!

**FREYA:** *(Waves sword in the air, in a baby voice.)* Elf Tickler! Tickle, tickle...

**IVOR:** *(Waves sword in the air.)* Beard Trimmer! *(Strokes his beard.)*

**BJORN:** *(Waves sword in the air.)* Wind Breaker!

**TRACK 4:** **SFX WIND BREAKER**

*(Harald and all Vikings waft their hands in front of their noses.)*

**HARALD:** Urghh!

**ASTRID:** *(Waves sword in the air.)* Nail Biter! I'm such a worrier!

**ERIC:** *(Waves sword in the air, whilst eating a biscuit.)* Food Processor!

**HARALD:** *(Puts his head in his hands.)* This can't be happening!

**TRACK 5:** **SKALD UNDERSCORE 2**

*(The Crew freeze.)*

**SKALD:** *(Stands.)* Harald felt the Crew were a little inexperienced, but he was determined to keep his connections; after all, the Crew were Vikings so they must be fearless sailors. What they needed was experience; a quest to prove themselves. A dangerous sea voyage, in the middle of winter, in search of unknown lands, was just the job! That would turn the Crew into proud warriors and Lords of the Sea. Harald had every confidence in them.

*(Fade underscore. Skald sits. Exit Harald and Crew. Magnus and the Feasting Vikings remain on stage.)*

**SCENE TWO:****THE VOYAGE**

**MAGNUS:** *(Stands up.)* Well, I think we'll have a little break from the story - It's time for the Yuletide runes! *(He hands out three paper crackers, the Vikings, Magnus and Skald mime pulling with each other with arms crossed all at once. They put silly paper hats on, blow curly whistles and find their rune jokes.)*

**TRACK 6:****SFX CRACKER SNAP**

**HILDA:** *(Reading her runes.)* What is a Viking's favourite dance?

**GUDRUN:** I don't know what is a Viking's favourite dance?

**HILDA:** The Loki- Cokey!

*(Everyone groans.)*

**RAGNAR:** O.K., I've got one *(Reads his runes.)* Why was Thor angry?

**GORM:** I don't know, why was Thor angry.

**RAGNAR:** Because Baldr Odin money.

**GORM:** I don't get it.

**RAGNAR:** Because Baldr Odin money! Odin money? Get it?

**GORM:** *(Doesn't understand.)* That doesn't make sense, Thor would use his hammer if he was angry...

**MAGNUS:** *(Realizes the jokes aren't working.)* O.K., moving on. Skald, continue your saga.

*(Backdrop change – Viking Boat and Calm Fjord.)*

**TRACK 7:****SKALD UNDERSCORE 3**

**SKALD:** *(Stands.)* The morning of the departure for the Kingdom of Claws dawned bright and clear. Harald was in good spirits as he waited for the Crew of the Tub to launch their ship into the calm waters of the glistening fjord. This was the beginning of his final conquest to unite all his lands east, west, south, and now north.

*(Fade underscore. Skald sits. Enter Harald with a spring in his step, he gazes outwards at the audience, shading his eyes as if looking at the sea.)*

**HARALD:** *(Enthusiastically.)* The weather bodes well for the voyage. I will make brave warriors and sailors of this Crew! Their deeds will become the stuff of legends, and my name will be sung in the Viking halls for generations to come. Harald Bluetooth, - the Great Connector!

**TRACK 8:** **SFX BLUETOOTH CONNECTING 1**

**TRACK 9:** **SEASICK PLAY ON**

*(Enter the Crew of the Tub. They parade across the stage to the music in a line, one behind the other, so the audience can see what they are wearing and carrying. Bjorn has an inflatable ring around his waist with a dragon's head and stands at the front of the line to suggest the prow of the ship; behind him, Sven and Astrid are wearing flippers and arm bands and carry an oar each; Ivor wears a swimming hat and goggles and carries a bucket; Freya wears a snorkel and carries a sail on a stick; Eric also has an inflatable ring around his waist and brings up the rear with the dragon's head facing the other way.)*

**HARALD:** *(Furious.)* What in the name of Thor is this?  
**BJORN:** It's a long ship.  
**FREYA:** Yes, it's very long. The Tub of Trondheim can take six of us and there is still plenty of space. We re-modelled it ourselves!  
**HARALD:** I don't mean the ship...  
**SVEN:** *(Holds up his foot with a flipper on the end.)* Oh, you mean these?  
**HARALD:** *(Very angry)* YES!  
**ASTRID:** Oh, none of us can swim.  
**IVOR:** *(Holds up the bucket.)* And I get very seasick  
**ERIC:** We did try to tell you.  
**BJORN:** *(Trying to sound brave.)* But don't worry Harald, we'll do our best to be brave...  
**SVEN:** *(Wobbly voice.)* ...and scare people...  
**ASTRID:** *(Starts to cry.)* ...and try to steal sparkly stuff.  
**HARALD:** You wimps! Launch your dragon ship and get connecting!

*(The Crew position themselves in a line (centre stage to downstage centre) facing the audience: Bjorn seated at the front and Eric standing at the back, The others in two pairs behind each other. They mime rowing and moving back and forth, as if to the motion of the sea. See diagram in Production Notes.)*

**HARALD:** *(Shouts.)* Give my regards to the Kingdom of Claws. The shipping forecast looks good...

*(Exit Harald.)*

**TRACK 10:****VO SHIPPING FORECAST**

*(Viking, North Utsire moderate or good. Faroes, pressure falling rapidly becoming cyclonic. Southeast Iceland, violent storm force winds.)*

**HILDA:** *(Stands up to shout.)* Only an idiot would go to sea in those conditions!

*(Backdrop change – Rough Sea.)*

**TRACK 11:****THE SEASICK SONG**

*(Enter Viking Singers with weather symbol posters. Lots of actions from the Crew during the song.)*

**SINGERS:** IT STARTED SO SMOOTHLY  
WITH HARDLY A SWELL,  
THEN ROLLING AND PITCHING  
*(Singers hold up weather symbols for wind and rain.)*  
THINGS NOT GOING WELL.

THE LAND PASSED US QUICKLY-  
DON'T LOOK AT THE VIEW!  
JUST KEEP NEAR THE BUCKET  
IN CASE WE SHOULD SPEW.

ROW, ROW!  
COULD NOT BEAR THE SHAME,  
WE NEEDED TO KEEP UP  
THE TOUGH VIKING NAME.

ROW, ROW!  
WE MUSTN'T BE SICK,  
TRUE VIKINGS WOULD NEVER  
THROW UP ON THEIR SHIP!

THE HEAVING AND SWAYING  
*(Singers hold up weather symbols for thunder and lightning.)*  
TURNED EVERYONE PALE,  
THEN THUNDER AND LIGHTNING  
RIPPED RIGHT THROUGH THE SAIL.

THE SEA WAS A DRAGON!  
*(Singers hold up symbols of big waves.)*  
THAT'S IT WE ARE DONE!  
THE TUB BOUNCED ON WAVES  
LIKE A PEA ON A DRUM!

ROW, ROW!  
COULD NOT BEAR THE SHAME,  
WE NEEDED TO KEEP UP  
THE TOUGH VIKING NAME.

ROW, ROW!  
WE MUSTN'T BE SICK,  
TRUE VIKINGS WOULD NEVER  
THROW UP ON THEIR SHIP!

THE STORM WAS NOW RAGING  
AT HURRICANE FORCE,  
WE LOST ALL OUR BEARINGS  
WERE BLOWN OFF OUR COURSE.

JUST AS WE WERE THINKING  
WE'D NEVER FIND LAND,  
THE BOAT HIT THE BEACH AND  
WE FELL ON THE SAND.

ROW, ROW!  
COULD NOT BEAR THE SHAME,  
WE NEEDED TO KEEP UP  
THE TOUGH VIKING NAME.

ROW, ROW!  
WE MUSTN'T BE SICK,  
TRUE VIKINGS WOULD NEVER  
THROW UP ON THEIR SHIP!

ROW, ROW!  
COULD NOT BEAR THE SHAME,  
WE NEEDED TO KEEP UP  
THE TOUGH VIKING NAME.

ROW, ROW!  
WE MUSTN'T BE SICK,  
TRUE VIKINGS WOULD NEVER  
THROW UP ON THEIR SHIP!  
(BLAAARGGGH).

***(Exit Viking Singers. The Crew stand and limp off stage in a line, sail broken, retching into the bucket, flippers and inflatable devices askew.)***

**MAGNUS:** ***(Stands up and passes round a plate with a large pie on it.)*** Jellied reindeer pie anyone?

**HILDA:** Er, no thanks, I'll pass on that one.

**GUDRUN:** Me too, lost my appetite a bit.

**GORM:** *(Blows out cheeks, apologetically.)* I'm still full!  
**RAGNAR:** *(Waves pie away with hand.)* So, what happened next Skald?

**TRACK 12:** **SKALD UNDERSCORE 4**

*(During the Skald's speech below, the stage is prepared for Scene Three. Four pieces of a broken sign are laid on the floor for the Vikings to find. A sign saying 'Welcome to Santaland Please Ring the Bell for Attention' is positioned at the back of the stage but turned around so the message can't be seen.)*

**SKALD:** *(Stands.)* The Crew had survived the raging seas in their little Tub, but were they safe on land? As they dragged themselves across the snow towards the shelter of a cliff, shivering with cold and fear, they couldn't help wondering if this strange, but beautiful land, was the Kingdom of Claws? What dangers lay ahead? Did they have the bravery and strength to challenge the unknown? Could they be the heroes that the Viking Code demanded?

*(Fade underscore. Skald sits.)*

**SCENE THREE:** **THE KINGDOM OF CLAWS**

*(Backdrop change – North Pole.)*

*(Enter the Crew, (without their inflatables) exhausted, but moving on high alert.)*

**BJORN:** *(Nervously.)* Do you think this is the Kingdom of Claws?  
**SVEN:** Who knows?  
**ASTRID:** I'm scared! *(Bites her nails.)*  
**ERIC:** I hope we can get something to eat round here. I'm starving!  
**FREYA:** What?! After all that seasickness?!  
**IVOR:** What's this? *(He picks up a piece of broken sign.)* There's writing on it. *(He reads.)* 'You'd better watch out!'  
**ASTRID:** Oh no! It's a warning!  
**BJORN:** There's another piece here. *(He picks up a second piece of the sign and reads.)* 'You'd better not cry.'  
**ERIC:** I don't like the sound of this.  
**SVEN:** *(Scared.)* What about this bit? 'He knows if you've been good or bad...'  
**ASTRID:** *(Looks around.)* Oh no! Are we being watched?  
**FREYA:** And there's another broken bit here. *(She picks up another piece and reads.)* 'Santa Claus is coming...'