

It's Christmas Carol Cast 2008

Scene 1, 2 & 3

Carol - Hallie
Timothy Elf - Garrick
Oliver Elf - Whitney
Ellen Elf - Jessica
Johnny Elf - Zack
Annie Elf - Abby
Becky Elf - Alexis
Webster Elf - Mariah
Maria Elf - Charlotte
Tommy Elf - Poudre
Ghost of Holiday Past - Taylor

Scene 4 & 5

Ghost of Holiday Past - Brady
Carol - Nova
Carol's friends (non-speaking) – Christian, Chris, Kody, Austin, Ben, Ethen
Young Carol (non-speaking) - Geneva
Mean Kid 1 - Addison
Mean Kid 2 - Marissa
Mean Kid 3 - Michelle
Mean Kid 4 - Patricia
Mean Kid 5 - Jazmin
Mean Kid 6 – Bailey A.
Ghost of Holiday Present - Emilie
Timothy Elf – Miranda (song too)
Becky Elf Sky (song too)
Webster Elf - Jaxon
Ellen Elf - Jessica
Oliver Elf - Whitney

Scene 6

Carol – Bailey H.
Ghost of Holiday Future - Mady
Maria Elf - Charlotte
Ellen Elf - Chandler
Webster Elf - Jaxon
Becky Elf - Mariah
Paul Elf - Alyssa
Timothy Elf - Miranda
Oliver Elf - Bradley
Johnny Elf - Alexandra
Annie Elf - Abby

*****SONG: IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!**

It's holiday time! -- It's holiday time! The hap, hap, hap, hap, happiest time of year!
It's holiday time! -- It's holiday time! The hap, hap, hap, hap, happiest time, it's clear!

The tree is filled with lights -- for ev'ry girl and boy --
Knows on this special night -- the world is filled with joy!

It's holiday time! -- It's holiday time! The hap, hap, hap, hap, happiest time of year!
It's holiday time! -- It's holiday time! The snap, snap, snap, snap, snappiest time, it's clear!

Oh, all the world around, from people ev'rywhere,
You hear the merry sound of music in the air! In the air!

It's holiday time! -- It's holiday time! The hap, hap, hap, hap, happiest time of year!
It's holiday time! -- It's holiday time! The hap, hap, hap, hap, happiest time, the
snap, snap, snap, snap snappiest time. The happiest, snappiest time - - of the year!

(Scene 1 – Santa's workshop. All of the characters are happy elves. They make and wrap presents for children everywhere but never get any themselves. Carol, the most assertive elf, is in charge and is gruff and grumpy to everyone. Everyone is happy except Carol.)

Timothy Elf: Oh, how wonderful! It's December! Almost time for Christmas! *(everyone cheers!)*

Carol: *(grumpily sitting at her desk and writing in her account book)* And winter Solstice! And Take An Elf To Work Day! And any other Greeting Card Holiday you people can dream up! Holiday time? Big deal!

Annie Elf: Oh, come on, carol! Everybody loves the holiday season.

Oliver Elf: Yeah, Carol, even YOU can't be grumpy at this time of year!

Carol: Oh yeah? Holiday time? Big deal!

Timothy Elf: *(to the audience)* Oh, don't mind Carol. She likes being grumpy.

Becky Elf: She's been grumpy like that for years.

Webster Elf: She's the definition of the word "Grump."

Maria Elf: That's right. If you look up the word *grump* in the dictionary, there are no words, just Carol's picture! *(all laugh except Carol)*

Carol: Yeah, well, laugh all you want. But I'm in charge here, so get back to work. We don't quit workin' just because it's December the 22nd. Those children need presents and we need to supply them. So get back to work. Holiday time? Big deal!

Johnny Elf: I don't get it, Carol. How can anybody be so grumpy at the hap hap hap hap happiest time of the year? I mean, of course we are all elves and too busy to have fun during the holiday.

Annie Elf: We don't get to have a tree or a big holiday meal.

Oliver Elf: . . . or be in a fun holiday show.

Webster Elf: . . . or go caroling.

Timothy Elf: . . . or sleigh riding.

Becky Elf: . . . or ice skating,

Ellen Elf: . . . or to a festive family re-union.

Tommy Elf: AND . . . we have to give all of our presents away!

(There is a grand pause where all of the elves look sadly at one another, but then they all return to their happy and perky selves.)

All Elves: But that doesn't mean we can't have fun!

Carol: You elves are crazy! Stay grumpy. It's safer. Holiday time? Big deal!

*****SONG: THE GRUMPIEST ELF IN TOWN**

(Carol) Grr! Big deal! I'm the grumpiest elf in town! I wear a permanent frown!
When other folks grin like a clown, I'm never up, I'm always down, I am a grump of some
renown! I'm the grumpiest elf in town! I'm the grumpiest elf - - in town! Bah! Big deal!

(All) She's the grumpiest elf we know! A sour so and so!
When other hearts are all aglow, hers is as cold as ice and snow, from Bakersfield to Buffalo!
She's the grumpiest elf we know! She's the grumpiest elf we know!

When people ask, "How do you do?" She answers: (Carol) Hey! What's it to you?

(all) Of when they say, "Excuse me, dear," It sends her through the stratosphere!

The worst is when they always say, "Oh, thanks a lot, now have a nice day!"

That really drivers her up a tree!

It makes her sore as you can see! And so we say, so confidently! She's the grumpiest elf in
town! (Carol) I'm the grumpiest elf in town! She's the grumpiest elf - - - in town!

*(Scene 2 – the elves are still working but getting sleepier and sleepier as the big clock shows
midnight, December 22nd)*

Timothy Elf: *(wearily)* It's almost midnight. I can hardly keep my eyes open.

Becky Elf: Please, Carol, don't you think it's time for us to go to bed?

Carol: No! I don't think it's time for us to go to bed. *(grumpily)* Our job is to make and
wrap the presents for children all over the world so that they can have an over-
indulgent holiday. We wrap 'em! They open 'em! Get it?

Johnny Elf: *(sadly)* Yeah, we get it. We wrap. They open.

Maria Elf: But I don't understand. How come everybody gets to have all this fun during
the holidays and we have to work overtime?

Carol: Because, Einstein, we're elves. We're ALL elves.

Ellen Elf: Carol's right. We're elves. Nobody cares about us. We don't even have a
family to call our own.

Carol: Get used to it. Holiday time?

All Elves: *(together and sadly)* We know . . . big deal!

*****SONG: NOBODY CARES ABOUT ME**

In this world – I see happiness in happy holidays. I see friends walking hand in hand,
and I can't comprehend. In this world, how can it be, nobody cares - - about me?

As I go on my merry way, I pray for happiness, On my own – when I lie awake at night.
As I close my eyes I see, Nobody cares - - about me.

It's the saddest sight to see, an elf without a family, And nobody to care tonight?
Each and ev'ry single day, when I work, or when I play, I hope this holiday will be all right!

In this world – I see happiness in happy holidays. I see friends walking hand in hand,
and I can't comprehend. In this world, how can it be, nobody cares - - about me?

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(Scene 3 – the clock says 2 A.M. December 24th)

Annie Elf: *(whining)* Come on, Carol! It's 2 A.M.!

Oliver Elf: Yeah, Carol. Don't you think we could possibly get some sleep?

Carol: Okay, you bunch of crybabies. You can sleep for three hours, and not a minute longer!

Webster Elf: *(excitedly)* Three hours? Oh boy!!

Carol: All right, make it two. We're on a deadline here.

Elves: Awww!!

*(they start covering themselves with blankets/white sheets and go to sleep. *music*)*

(after a few moments we hear snoring and sleep talking. Carol starts to feel sleepy herself.

She yawns, stretches, takes off her glasses and lays her head down on her desk.

Suddenly, there is a voice that calls her name slowly. The voice starts out softly and gets louder and spookier.)

Ghost of Holiday Past: C---A---R---O---L! *(There is no response. The voice gets louder.)*

GOHP: C---A---R---O---L! *(Carol starts to wake up. All others remain sleeping.)*

GOHP: C---A---R---O---L!

Carol: *(looking around, somewhat afraid)* Who's there?

GOHP: C---A---R---O---L!

Carol: *(very afraid)* Who's there? Knock it off!

GOHP: C---A---R---O---L!

Carol: Who . . . are . . . you?

GOHP: I'm the Ghost of Holiday Past!

Carol: *(sarcastically)* Yeah! And I'm the Tooth Fairy! Tell me another one!

GOHP: *(sternly)* Carol! Knock it off! I'm the Ghost of Holiday Past! And you're too grumpy for someone so young.

Carol: *(frightened but still grumpy)* What's it to you? I can be grumpy if I want to be. It's none of your business.

GOHP: Carol! Grumpiness has consequences. Grumpiness can hurt others and ruin a perfectly fine holiday time.

Carol: Holiday time? Big deal!

GOHP: It IS a big deal, Carol. It's a big deal to people all over the world.

Carol: Well, not to me. I could care less. I'm an ELF, remember?
GOHP: You used to care, Carol. You used to love the holidays.
Carol: How do you know? You don't know anything about me!
GOHP: Oh yes I do, Carol! I'm the Ghost of Holiday Past. I've been dancing around you since the day you were born.
Carol: Ghosts don't dance!
GOHP: This one does!

*****SONG: THE HOLIDAY GHOST**

(during this song, all of the elves dance around under their white blankets like ghosts. By the end of the number they are back sleeping again.)

I'm the holiday ghost and I'm the most ghost you'll ever see.
I float around with nary a sound and dance so merrily!

Let's do the holiday ghost! Let's dance from coast to coast!
We'll be the haunting holiday toast 'round ev'ry holiday tree!
Let's do the holiday swing. We'll swing 'round ev'rything.

So come and join this holiday fling with spooky harmony! Come along with me! Hoo!!!

I'm the holiday ghost and I'm the host, I think you will agree. I'll scare the "boo" right out of you. While rockin' 'round the tree!

Let's do the holiday ghost! Let's dance from coast to coast!
We'll be the haunting holiday toast 'round ev'ry holiday tree!
Let's do the holiday swing. We'll swing 'round ev'rything.

A ring, ding, ding, now ev'ryone sing with spooky harmony!
Come along with me! Hoo! Come along with me! Boo!

(scene 4)

GOHP: Carol, look!
Carol: Where?
GOHP: Over there.

(She looks to the other side of the stage and sees a little girl/elf dressed exactly like her and some other children happily dancing around at a Christmas party. There is a tree and other holiday decorations. The clock might spin backwards and the date shows a few years earlier.)

Carol: Who is it?
GOHP: It's you, Carol.
Carol: Me?
GOHP: Yes, you, Carol. You as a little elf at a Holiday party a long time ago.
Carol: Me? Really? How did you do that?

GOHP: I'm a ghost, Carol. I can do amazing things. Now watch and remember just how happy you were.

*****SONG: CAROL'S PAST**

(a separate group of children are having a festive holiday party. They represent Carol's friends as kids. The elves are asleep upstage again by the time the song is over.)

"Deck the Halls – Jingle Bells – We wish you a Merry Christmas"

(Scene 5)

Carol: Wow! It looked like I was having a lot of fun.

GOHP: You were, Carol.

Carol: *(grumpy again)* But that was the last time. That was before I knew that I was, well . . . "different".

GOHP: Different?

Carol: *(almost shouting)* I'm an ELF! An Elf! Get it? Do you have any idea how hard it is to fit in when all of your friends are children and you're an ELF!!!?

GOHP: Oh, it can't be that bad.

Carol: Easy for you to say! You can just disappear when the going gets tough.

COHP: You're right, and kids can be pretty mean, can't they?

Carol: They sure can.

GOHP: Do you remember what happened next, Carol?

Carol: How can I ever forget?

(they look back to the other side of the stage at the party scene. A group of kids has surrounded young Carol and are taunting her.)

Mean Kid 1: Hey Carol! Where'd ya get that green outfit? Looks like something an elf would wear!

Mean Kid 2: *(sarcastically)* Yeah and nice curly-toed shoes, Carol. Didn't anybody tell you those went out of style like a week ago?

Mean Kid 3: Nice goofy hat!

Mean Kid 4: Nice rosy cheeks!

Mean Kid 5: Nice pointy ears!

Mean Kid 6: Hey Carol . . .

All Mean Kids: Nice try!

(They all laugh and then exit, leaving young Carol alone. She sits down and puts her face in her hands as if crying. From the other side of the stage, original Carol has been watching and speaks to herself.)

GOHP: That does look pretty rough for a little kid . . . I mean, elf.

Carol: I had to wait until I was sixteen and could finally move to the North Pole where all of the other elves are.

GOHP: Then why aren't you happy?

Carol: *(sadly, to herself)* I was happy once . . . *(grumpy again)* Holiday time? Big deal!

(She puts her head down on her desk like before. More lullaby is heard. – there is a pause and more snoring and sleeping sounds are heard.)

Ghost of Holiday Present: C---A---R---O---L!

Carol: Who? Who? Who is it?

GOHPr: C---A---R---O---L!

Carol: Who's there? What do you want?

GOHPr: I am the Ghost of Holiday Present.

Carol: The what??

GOHPr: I am the Ghost of Holiday Present.

Carol: What is this, the Haunted Mansion?! Go away! I don't want to talk to you!

GOHPr: But Carol, you must take a look and see how things are. You must know how your grumpiness affects the people around you.

Carol: I don't care! I don't care about anything!

GOHPr: Look Carol! Look . . .

(The elves all get up from under their blankets and move to the front of the stage. They are having a conversation.)

Carol: Hey! You elves get back to sleep!

(There is no response from any of them.)

GOHPr: They can't hear you, Carol. It's a dream.

Carol: What?

GOHPr: But you can hear *them*. Carol, listen. Listen very carefully.

Timothy Elf: You know, I love my job of making toys for all the good boys and girls.

Becky Elf: Me too! But it sure would be nice just once, to get a gift or two ourselves.

Webster Elf: *(sarcastically)* Yeah right! I'm sure THAT is going to happen. I can just see us asking Carol to add our names to Santa's list. *(he imitates a little elf asking Carol)* Please Carol, could you ask Santa to bring me a new shiny sled for Christmas?

Webster Elf: *(imitating Carol)* What!?! You're an elf!! Get back to work! Holiday time, big deal!

Ellen Elf: Hey, Becky! If you were to get a Christmas gift like the other children do, what would it be?

Becky Elf: Oh, I don't know.

Oliver Elf: *(shocked)* You don't know!?! How could you not know? I've got a list a mile long!

Other Elves: *(ad lib excitedly)* Me too! Me too! So do I! etc.

*****SONG: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS**

(the clock is set at 3AM December 24)

A pair of skates, a ragged doll, A baseball bat with glove and ball.
That's all I'd like; that's all I need; that's all I want for Christmas!

A string of lights, a candy cane, A candle in my window pane.
That's all I'd like; that's all I need; that's all I want for Christmas!

I don't need a pile of gifts underneath my tree.
Just the love of someone who cares enough for me!

(Timothy Elf – You know, maybe we're asking for the wrong gifts.) (Becky Elf – You're right.
There are more important things than what we've been wishing for.)

Love and joy for big and small. Peace on earth good will to all!
That's all I'd like; that's all I need; That's all I want for Christmas!
For Christmas! For Christ - - mas!

(Scene 6)

Johnny Elf: Well, we might as well forget about it. None of this will happen with that grumpy old Carol in charge.

(They go back to their blankets)

Carol: Hey watch it buster! I can make your life **really** miserable if I want to! *(they don't hear her)*

(Ghost of Holiday Future enters)

Ghost of Holiday Future: Oh, don't worry Carol. You already do.

Carol: *(jumps)* Hey! Who are you?

GOHF: Getting a little jumpy aren't you, Carol?

Carol: Leave me alone.

GOHF: Can't do it, Carol! Just can't do it. Not until you see what the future has in store for you and your grumpiness.

Carol: So I suppose you're the Ghost of Holiday Future?

GOHF: Bingo Buckaroo! The one and only.

Carol: Big deal.

GOHF: Well, I'd like to think so.

Carol: Well, the future isn't here yet, so you can't show me anything.

GOHF: Wrong-oh, Carol! I'm a ghost. I can show you EVERYTHING. Look . . .

(The clock now says 5AM December 26th. A bell rings and the elves wake up and get back to work.)

Maria Elf: Well, one more Christmas come and gone.

Ellen Elf: And just like last year, we didn't get anything!

Webster Elf: Well, at least we got all of those presents wrapped and out the door so all those kids around the world can have a good time.

Becky Elf: And Carol won't have a reason to yell at us.

Paul Elf: *(running and panicked)* Hey everybody! Listen up! Carol is gone!

All Elves: *(including Carol)* What!!!?

Paul Elf: *(holding a gift in his hands)* She's gone! I went to her room and there's practically no sign of her at all!

Carol: *(from the side of the stage where she is not heard)* Gone? What do you mean 'gone'? I'm right here!

GOHF: They can't hear you Carol.

Timothy Elf: You mean she's disappeared?

Paul Elf: Poof! Exploded from grumpiness! All that was left was this.

(he holds up one of Carol's shoes, or her hat, all dilapidated and burned.)

All Elves: Hooray! *(they give each other high-fives, etc.)*

Maria Elf: *(sadly, after reconsidering)* Hey, wait a minute. I know that Carol could be pretty rough sometimes, but underneath, I think she was a very nice elf.

Ellen Elf: *(with her red nose)* You're right. One time, when I had just arrived to the North Pole, she introduced me to all of the reindeer because she knew I'd need a friend, like Rudolph.

Timothy Elf: *(with his big floppy bunny ears)* And she made sure I knew the Easter Bunny so I would know I wasn't so different.

Oliver Elf: *(with big mouse ears)* She took me to Disneyland.

Johnny Elf: *(with his stovepipe hat)* And she made sure that Frosty and I got to be friends because she saw we had a lot in common.

Annie Elf: *(almost crying)* And now she's gone.

(they all start crying)

Carol: You mean they really liked me?

GOHF: You heard it for yourself, Carol.

Carol: After I've been so grumpy to all of them?

Paul Elf: *(sadly)* And we were just about to deliver Carol's gift.

Carol: They even had a gift for me?

GOHF: Of course.

Carol: But, why?

GOHF: Don't you see, Carol? The holidays are a time for seeing the good in people. It's also a time for reaching out to your neighbors and strangers alike and offering your hand of friendship, love and peace on earth.

Carol: *(in awe)* Why, that was beautiful.

GOHF: Thank you.

Ellen Elf: *(sadly)* Now that she's gone, we may never know what made an elf like Carol so grumpy. But we should always do our best to bring some joy into the lives of others.

Oliver Elf: Even if we didn't get any presents, it's a gift to give to others and make the holidays a little brighter.

Johnny Elf: To get a friend . . . you have to **be** a friend.

Annie Elf: Especially at holiday time!

Carol: *(sadly)* wow! They didn't get anything at all, and yet they all went together to make sure that I would get a special holiday gift? That doesn't seem right.

GOHF: Well, it doesn't have to be that way.

Carol: What do you mean?

GOHF: Well, remember, you were watching what **might** happen in the future, but it hasn't happened yet.

Carol: You mean, it might turn out differently?

GOHF: Of course, Carol! A smile is just an upside down frown. It's never too late to turn it around! The holidays are a great time to start all over again with a brand new attitude.

Carol: It's true that being grumpy is not much fun.

GOHF: And a very hard way to make friends.

Carol: Well, I'm not going to be this way for another moment. Starting right now, I'm going to start making these holidays bright!

(She rushes over to the clock and turns the hands back to 7AM Dec. 25th. As she is turning back the clock, all of the Elves move quickly in backwards motions until they are all back in their beds and fast asleep.)

Carol: Wake up! Wake up! Everybody!

(the elves get up and start to work)

Timothy Elf: Sorry Carol, we must have overslept.

Becky Elf: *(just waking up)* We'll work extra hard and won't sleep a wink 'til New Years!

Carol: *(very happily)* There's no work today! It's Christmas! Let's sing songs! Let's have a feast! I have gifts for everyone!

Johnny Elf: *(skeptically)* Okay. What's the catch?

Carol: There's no catch! I have learned from the past and seen that the holidays are a chance to start all over again!

All Elves: Hooray!

(Music starts while the characters say the following lines)

Webster Elf: This is the best Christmas I've ever had!

Several Elves: *(randomly)* Me too! Me too!

Carol: Me too! And it's all because of you ! My friends! My family!

Carol: Holiday time?

ALL: IT IS A BIG DEAL!!

*****SONG: REPRISE – THAT'S ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS!**

*****SONG: REPRISE – IT'S HOLIDAY TIME *(curtain call)***