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22 A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

You're hopeless, Charlie Brown.

FRIEDA

Completely hopeless.

CHARLIE BROWN

Rats.

LUCY

You've been dumb before, Charlie Brown. But this time, you really did it. What a tree!

(KIDS and SNOOPY laugh.)

(Finally, the KIDS stop laughing and exit stage left.)

(SNOOPY continues to laugh, then exits stage left.)

(LINUS approaches CHARLIE BROWN.)

CHARLIE BROWN

I guess you were right, Linus. I shouldn't have picked this little tree. Every thing I do turns into a disaster. I guess I really don't know what Christmas is all about. *(Unhinged.)* Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?

LINUS

Sure, Charlie Brown. I can tell you what Christmas is all about.

(LINUS walks to center stage, dragging his blanket.)

(Optional sound effects: Add reverb to LINUS's voice.)

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Lights, please?

(The lights dim. In a solo spot, LINUS begins telling his story.)

(The KIDS enter quietly from stage left, one by one, and gather around the stage to listen.)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,
and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them,
"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy,

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which will be to all people.
For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you.
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

(LINUS picks up his blanket and approaches CHARLIE BROWN. Sound effects is off.)

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

End

[NO. 07 "AFTER LINUS' MESSAGE"]

(CHARLIE BROWN picks up the little tree and walks downstage left to the corner of the stage, past the group of quiet KIDS.)

(CHARLIE BROWN gazes up at the stars while remembering LINUS's words.)

(All of the KIDS exit stage right as CHARLIE BROWN crosses.)

(KIDS push the piano offstage right.)