

SHOW STOPPER

*(A third-grade BOY, bit by the stage bug.)*

AT THE SISTER MARY MCCALL GYMNASIUM,  
IN MEMORIAM — OF SISTER MARY MCCALL,  
WHO DROPPED DEAD TEACHING VOLLEYBALL,  
COME ONE — COME ALL!  
SANTA, ESPECIALLY YOU!  
TUESDAY THE TWENTY-FIRST AT TWO!  
YOU WILL SEE A MAJOR DEBUT!  
OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS THIRD GRADE CLASS PRESENTS — FOR FREE!  
THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THERE COULD EVER BE!  
STARRING ME!  
IN THE ROLE OF LIFETIME!  
THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME!  
WISE MAN NUMBER THREE!

I'LL BE A SHOW STOPPER,  
ENTERING LEFT, WITH A PROP:  
A BIG BOWL OF MYRRH, AND I'LL STOP AND SAY  
THE PIVOTAL LINE OF THE PLAY:

*(Spoken, very amateurishly.)* "Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph,  
won't you enjoy the gift of myrrh?"

I'LL BE UPSTAGING HIM AND BE OUTSHINING HER,  
WHO'S IN THE SPECIAL?  
JUST ME AND MY MYRRH!  
HEY, LOOK ME OVER AND SEE WHAT I GOT!  
I'LL BE STOPPING THE SHOW,  
STOPPING THE SHOW ON THE SPOT!

I'LL BE A SHOW STOPPER,  
WEARING A ROBE WITH FUR TRIM.  
THE FRANKINCENSE GUY WILL LOOK GRIM AND GRAY.  
I'M DRESSED FOR THE PART WHEN I SAY:

*(Spoken.)* "Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph, Won't you enjoy the  
gift of myrrh?"

THE FIRST KING LACKS GLITTER, THE OTHER'S A BLUR.  
GUESS WHO THEY'RE WATCHING?  
JUST ME AND MY MYRRH!  
ONCE I'M ON STAGE, THEN THE REST OF KIDS CAN RELAX.  
I'LL BE STOPPING THE SHOW,  
STOPPING THE SHOW IN ITS TRACKS!

I'LL BE A SHOWSTOPPER  
IN THE BACK BLEACHERS YOU'LL HEAR  
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, QUITE CLEAR AND GRAND  
I KNOW HOW TO MAKE A SCENE LAND:

*(Spoken.)* "Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph, won't you enjoy the gift of myrrh?"

THE CROWD SITS IN SILENCE, THEY DON'T DARE TO STIR,  
THEY'RE STUNNED BY THE POWER  
OF ME AND MY MYRRH.  
AFTER THE CURTAIN, THEY'RE CERTAIN TO GUSH  
BUT FIRST —  
I'LL BE STOPPING THE SHOW,  
STOPPING THE SHOW TO A HUSH.

SEE, MY MOTHER WILL BE WORKING  
MY DAD'S IN SANTA CRUZ  
SO, I HAVE EXTRA TICKETS  
I'M HOPING YOU CAN USE.  
MY BROTHER'S IN REHAB,  
MY SISTER'S A MARINE.  
I WANT SOMEONE I LOVE  
TO SEE MY BIG NATIVITY SCENE!  
IT'S SURE TO MAKE YOU SMILE —  
YOUR SEATS ARE ON THE AISLE —

BE A SHOW STOPPER  
STOPPING THE SHOW ON A DIME.  
YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME, I KNOW:  
I'M PUTTING YOU IN THE FIRST ROW.  
MY MAGICAL MAGI IS CERTAIN TO PLEASE  
WHEN I GO LIKE THIS *(Jazz hands.)*  
AND FALL ON MY KNEES *(Full-out Jolson turn strutting on one knee,  
with outstretched arms.)*  
WIPING UP THE MANGER FLOOR WITH MARY AND JOE!  
KNOCKIN' 'EM DEAD —  
RAISIN' THE ROOF —  
AND STOPPING THE  
STOPPING THE  
STOPPING THE

*(Spoken, near hysteria.)*  
"JESUS CHRIST, MARY AND JOSEPH! WON'T YOU ENJOY THE GIFT OF  
MYRRH!!!!"

...THE SHOW! *(Blackout.)*