

Holy, holy, holy

Scene 1 *Angels' changing room in heaven*

Narrator Two trainee angels are about to go to earth for the first time. Let's join them in the angel's changing room in heaven as they prepare to set off.

Angel 1 Are you ready yet?

Angel 2 Almost. I'm so excited to be going to earth for the first time and at Christmas too!

Angel 1 Just think, Gabriel himself went to prepare for the first Christmas, by telling Mary she was to have Our Father's son

Angel 2 And he went again to tell the shepherds when Jesus was born

Angel 1 He took a whole choir with him that time

Angel 2 Did you know that Our Father gave men the words to one of our songs in his book?

Angel 1 Which one?

Angel 2 Holy, holy, holy

Angel 1 I like that one

Angel 2 And we will hear men singing it everywhere we go because they will be celebrating Jesus birth

Angel 1 Let's go

Scene 2 *In a large shop on earth*

Narrator Now, let's see how our two trainee angels are getting on. We join them in a large department store somewhere on earth

Angel 1 Oh look, this is promising, everything in this shop has a label saying "Saint Michael"

Angel 2 Wow, he is second only to Gabriel

Enter man wearing a Father Christmas hat

Angel 1 Who are you?

Man I'm Father Christmaswell actually I'm only pretending to be Father Christmas

Angel 2 Why?

Man To give presents to all the good children well actually we sell them to them. We're not a charity you know

Angel 1 You said you were only pretending to be Father Christmas.... why don't you get the real one to come himself?

Man Don't be silly! Look, I can't stay here chatting to you. So much to do. Only 2 more shopping days till Christmas you know.

Starts walking off

Angel 2 *Calling after him* What about "Holy, holy, holy"?

Man *In distance* Ho, Ho, Ho

Scene 3 *In the street*

Narrator Our two angels have moved out into the street where they are talking to a lady with a large bag of Christmas shopping

Angel 2 What is all this stuff for?

Lady It's to decorate the house for Christmas

Angel 1 What have you got?
 Lady Well these are paper streamers
 Angel 2 What are they for?
 Lady To give the house a party 'feel'
 Angel 1 That's nice, it is a birthday celebration after all. What else have you got?
 Lady This is a plastic angel
 Angel 2 I've never seen one of those before. Why on earth do you want that?
 Lady Well, it's sort of Christmassy
 Angel 1 I suppose it is, but hardly the most important thing
 Lady Look, I can't stand here chatting to you two, I've still got loads to do
 Begins to walk off
 Angel 2 *Calling after her* What's the green stuff?
 Lady *Over her shoulder* It's holly
 Angel 1 Holly?
 Lady *In the distance* Holly
 Angel 2 What about "Holy, holy, holy"?

Scene 4 *Also in the street*
 Narrator Our two angels are still in the street. Let's see what they're up to now
 Angel 1 How disappointing. Look here is a group of children. *Group of children enter.* They seem happy. *To children* Why are you all so happy?
 Child 1 It's nearly Christmas *Angels look at each other, pleased, at last!*
 Child 2 Yes, we are going to get lots of presents *Angles look at each other, not so pleased*
 Child 1 And we don't have to go to school for weeks 'cos it's holidays
 Children *Skip off singing* Holidays, holidays, holidays
 Angel 2 *Calling after them* What about... Oh forget it!

Scene 5 *In street, still*
 Narrator Let's rejoin our two angels, it seems they're on their way home now
 Angel 2 I just don't understand it
 Angel 1 What?
 Angel 2 The greatest event in human history, Our Father sends his only son to live on earth so that he can rescue them from a fate worse than death and no one seems to remember
 Angel 1 They seem to put a lot of effort into not remembering
 Angel 2 That's certainly true. And they've swapped the joy of heaven for what?
 Angel 1 Making money
 Angel 2 Having a party
 Angel 1 Getting presents
 Angel 2 And no one sings "Holy, holy, holy", even though they've been given the words.