

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by JOHN R. PLASTOW

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: While on the go, a married couple review their hectic schedules for the holiday season.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Set in a car; chairs should be arranged to resemble a car's interior. **Harold** acts as if he is driving throughout the scene. Both juggle fast food as well as their calendars during the scene.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

TOPIC: Christmas

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 11:28

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Christmas Seeker Service

CHARACTERS:

HAROLD

WANDA

PROPS: Fast food, calendars

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A car

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HAROLD: (*while driving*) Honey, this was a great idea.

WANDA: Well, I thought that it was important for us to keep in touch during this stressful time of year.

HAROLD: Stressful? What do you mean, stressful? I'm perfectly relaxed! I mean, in the last twenty-four hours, I've just been to five Christmas parties, a concert, a church service, and choir practice, in addition to working full time. I'm not stressed—I'm too numb to be stressed!

WANDA: Oh, and don't forget shopping.

HAROLD: That, too. It's been really helpful that the mall is now open 24 hours a day. If it weren't for the hours from midnight to three a.m., I don't know how I'd get my shopping in!

WANDA: Isn't Christmas wonderful?!

HAROLD: So, is this a date, or a meeting of our calendars?

WANDA: Well, going through Del Taco was the "date" part, and the drive to the mall is a calendar-planning meeting.

HAROLD: Fine, but you're going to have to help me. Juggling both my calendar and the super macho combination burrito supreme is going to be pretty tough, to say nothing of trying to drink my Coke!

WANDA: Here, I'll help you with the fries.

HAROLD: Thanks.

She feeds him fries one at a time throughout the conversation.

HAROLD: So, what's on the docket for this week?

WANDA: Well, on Monday, we have a pre-dinner get-together with Tom and Susie, but we can't stay long because there's a concert at the school that night.

HAROLD: Wait...we just went to a concert at the school. They can't have two Christmas programs!

WANDA: They're not; this is a non-Christmas program—the one for all the kids who don't celebrate Christmas.