

Holiday Cheer that Hits With A Bang So Hang... With Fa-La Cool And The Gang

Tonight a group of friends and I went to support a theatre family member who is part of her high school swing/show choir (and her beaming [papa](#) as well). I won't delve too deeply on the performance, but will say that one of the songs deeply touched me. I know I have mentioned the beautiful piece entitled "Believe" from the magical movie [The Polar Express](#) sung so majestically by [Josh Groban](#). It has become one of those songs that I **HAVE** to listen to at least 50 times each holiday season. It speaks of the magic of dreams and how as people grow older they often lose sight of those dreams. But just look in the eyes of a child and often you can see, remember, and believe what it was like to be that young and have that wonder inside. Of course, for some of us that wonder can so easily be reignited or may never have left. I get goosebumps all over just hearing the song everytime. Just a chill runs through my entire body. Maybe those words are trying to tell me something?

The evening also took me back humanah years to my final holiday concert and the festive medley that the choir sang, entitled *Cool Yule*. I don't remember the entire plot but I do remember that Santa (played by your's truly) and Mrs. Claus had to rap... and I'm not talking about present wrapping here. This was the second time that I had put on the red suit and black boots. In fifth grade, I was the jolly old elf in our elementary Christmas musical *Santa and the Snowmobile* in which a slick salesman almost convinces Santa to abandon his team of eight tiny reindeer for a gas-propelled vehicle. I do remember doing some improvising as the sound of the snowmobile was not properly cued. I think I gave the cardboard cutout a good swift quick and said to heck with it. This was long

before you-know-who or I would have uttered a quick you-know-what.

Children sleeping, snow is softly falling
Dreams are calling like bells in the distance
We were dreamers not so long ago
But one by one we all had to grow up
When it seems the magic's slipped away
We find it all again on Christmas day

Believe in what your heart is saying
Hear the melody that's playing
There's no time to waste
There's so much to celebrate
Believe in what you feel inside
And give your dreams the wings to fly
You have everything you need
If you just believe

Trains move quickly to their journey's end
Destinations are where we begin again
Ships go sailing far across the sea
Trusting starlight to get where they need to be
When it seems that we have lost our way
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Ok... look at those words. Definitely. Not just on Christmas Day.