

**Youth 2016 x-mas <when the clock strikes 0 A.D.>**

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Christmas Eve

Gabriel and Michael walking talking

Michael (holding watch looking at it): What time is it, Gabriel?

Gabriel: (looks down at Michael and his watch confused)  
(playfully) Uhhh.. It's exactly the fourteenth year of Augustus... you know annus quattuordecimus, as these Romans say.

Michael: No, no, no! I want it in the new time. I can't remember! Is it B.C. or A.D?

Gabriel: (excited) Oh yeah! It's about time for the changeover! Tonight at midnight, the Lord God lights that new star over Bethlehem... then all the angels have to set their watches ahead to A.D.!

Michael: Oh okay A.D. ... What's that mean?

Gabriel: (trying to remember) I remember it means anno Domini, year of the Lord. It means Jesus Time. The whole world is going to use it! It all becomes official as soon as the Lord God takes the brakes off that new star!

Michael:(stops walking) (cautiously) Hey, Gabriel, how are they coming along on that new star?

Gabriel: (stop, turn, getting excited) I just flew by the Star Foundry yesterday. Mike, this is going to be a big one! Bright too! You remember how all the angels were wearing sunglasses when the Lord God started dumping the hydrogen in Andromeda? Well, This one's bigger and brighter. It makes Halley's comet look like a (looking for words).....sulfur match!

Michael: (walk again with Gabriel) Sulfur Match?

Gabriel: (turn, walking) Never mind, Michael! They're pumping the helium in now.

(cut to ledge)

This is going to be some star. (pause) (look out over ledge) There are some astrologers out in the desert at a big stargazers convention. Those guys are really in for a surprise.

Michael: Yeah, It will be a treat for them to see Jesus. Speaking of Jesus, where is he, Gabe?

Gabriel: Still tucked up under the heart of Mary, but not for long Mike. I'm so excited!

Michael: (excited) Me too! I've been practicing the Christmas music all day! I can't hold it any longer!

Gabriel: (picking up a sheet of music) This is going to be some anthem. I can't remember. Is it double piano or double forte on the refrain?

Michael: (with energy) Triple forte! (Sing) We start out loud, and we just keep the whole piece a swelling. It is going to be quite a night. (Sigh anxious) why is time draggin' ? (Gabriel walks off) Will A.D. never get here?!

Gabriel: (walking a few steps) Look, Michael, see the little couple there? They've been traveling for three days!

Michael: (leaning out and looking over) He's been to all six inns in the city. She's in so much pain she can hardly stand, and this is her first baby! A poor thing!

Gabriel: How time flies! I was just down in Nazareth nine months ago talking to her. She's a beautiful girl. You wanna hear the song she wrote, Michael? It was pretty good for an earthling.

Michael: I want to hear her song! Would you be able to play it back? Please, it would be such an honor to listen to her myself!

Gabriel: Well, OK. I guess I shouldn't be so selfish to keep it so private. Here, I will play it for you. (gesture out towards screen) It is just so beautiful.

(back shot of them looking at screen)  
(Dancers all in place and starts dancing as the music begins. It is Magnificat by Todd Agnew)

Michael: (w/ Gabe sitting on steps) That was simply beautiful! No wonder why the Lord God chose her to be the mother of Jesus. (suddenly he puts his hands above his eyes as if trying to protect his eyes from the light) Say, what the... What's that light?

Gabriel: Wow, It's the Star of Bethlehem! (Standing up, pull Mike) Come on, hurry up, Michael.

Michael: (Standing up holding watch) Wait up, Gabriel. What about the clock? Can I set my watch to A. D. now?

Gabriel: Not yet, Mike. Not yet.

(Michael squirmy looking like he is about to burst.) Please Gabe. (still holding up watch) May I set my watch now?

Gabriel: (putting a finger across his mouth, and hand on his watch) Shhh! Not yet, Mike. Now be quiet!

Then the Star of Bethlehem rolled out into the night sky and spilled its light. Everything was all golden. It was magnificent!

Michael: (finger still on his lips) (Whispering anxiously) Gabriel. Now can I change the clock?

Gabriel: Yes! Now is the time! (take finger off and hand off) (baby's cries are heard)

(With excitement Michael and Gabe look down as he motions to set his watch on Jesus time )  
(Gabe and Mike both look at the watch)  
(he smiles up at Gabe, then out at the sun, and back at Gabe, they smile at each other)  
(Gabe motions to go)(both run off)  
SLOWLY PAN UP, queue music gloria