

JEDIDIAH

It's these blasted devices! These kids, they just stare at their phones all day. They don't look up. They kept walking into shelves, and breaking the inventory! Now it's all gone.

BOB

They knocked your knick-knacks?

JEDIDIAH

Yes, they had a knack for knocking knick-knacks.

PENELOPE

And your Doodads?

JEDIDIAH

The doodads died when they knocked the knick-knacks.

PENELOPE

So everything's gone? That's terrible. What will you do now?

JEDIDIAH

No idea. I don't have a knack for anything else.

Jedidiah SIGHS, and wanders off into the cold night.

BOB

Jedidiah has been in business for 50 years. If he couldn't survive the employee shortage, how will we?

PENELOPE

Poor Jedidiah and Sue. And right before Christmas.

BOB

Some Christmas this is going to be for them. They have nothing to celebrate.

PENELOPE

Well, except, you know, the birth of Jesus, and the redemption of all mankind. That's kind of a big deal.

BOB

You know what I mean. It's just going to be another dark Christmas for so many here in Springdale.

PENELOPE

Well, light shines brightest in the darkness. Just like these Christmas lights. They remind us that hope is always here, even in the darkest times.

Penelope begins to sing "Even in the Dark," joined by Bob and RANDOM TOWNSPEOPLE as the song progresses.

***Please send a clip of yourself singing as well.**