



Present

FINDING HOPE



PERFORMANCES

SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER - ST. MARY'S, WESTHAM - 9:45 A.M

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER - NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH - 10.30 A.M.

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER - CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH - 10.30 A.M

Finding Hope

Written and Produced by Alan Young
Directed by Jac Young
Music by Dave Chamberlin
Lyrics by Alan Young
Continuity and Stage Management Maureen Payne
Maggie Osgood
Programme Design Jac Young
Website Nigel Cox

Musicians

Vocals Laura Young
Vocals Jac Young
Vocals, Keyboards,
Guitar, Bass and Drum
Programming Dave Chamberlin

Cast

Mark Chris King
Martha Meryl Beamont
John Jamie King
Anna Maria Wheeler
Joanna Niamh Wheeler
The Shepherds Nick Cearns
Alan Young
Rhett Thompson

The play is set at the time of the Census and a group of friends, living in Bethlehem, are unaware that the birth of Jesus is about to happen.

Mark, one of the group, has recently become a widower. He is trying to cope with the loss of his wife. What will give him hope that his life still had meaning?

SONGS
LYRICS BY ALAN YOUNG
MUSIC BY DAVE CHAMBERLIN

**1. TRYING TO SAY
GOODBYE**

When I begin to explain
I break down and I cry
I can't believe that she's gone
Now I'm left to carry on
It's hard to say goodbye

I'll sit alone at home
And think of the times gone by
How our love was real and true
And how much I really loved you
It's hard to say goodbye

CHORUS:
I've been trying to say goodbye
To the life and love that I had
Never before have I been this
lonely and sad
I've been trying to say goodbye
To the dreams that now won't
come true
Knowing there will never again
be a me and you

The clouds are everywhere
Rain falls out the sky
She was the sunshine in my life
And my best friend and my wife
It's hard to say goodbye

CHORUS

2. NOTHING

Hey! We must all understand
The role we have to play
(and) Hey! We must all be careful
Not to impose the Lord's way
We are all committed now
To the gospels that we've read
(and) Hey! We are all believers
He'll judge the living and the dead

CHORUS

(and) Nothing can come between us
And the love of our Lord
Nothing can come between us
And the love of our Lord
If we have no food
And we have no clothes
We mustn't worry
Because he knows
We are people
Of one accord (and)
Nothing can come between us
And the love of our Lord

Hey! We'll go to distant towns (and)
Who knows what we'll find?
Hey! We may all be ridiculed
But will anyone really mind?
There'll be hate and jealousy
And they're often intertwined (but)
With His words we'll heal the sick
And open the eyes of the blind

CHORUS

3. HEAVEN'S WISH

Do not be afraid by what I tell you,
Mary,
For the Lord has made a special plan for
you, You see you've been chosen by Him
so you will

Bear a son and have the happiness
You're due
And the Lord above will make Him King
He will reign over everything
Over land and sea to
All the stars up in the sky
And all men will come from every town
They'll come from places all around
To listen to the good word of the Lord.

I don't know how this can happen to me,
For I'm just a simple girl who isn't even
wed

Surely there are others that are more
Deserving so how
Am I to believe the things you've said?
If you pray and leave it in His hands
He will help you to understand
Why he has chosen you
To be the Handmaid of the Lord.
Although at times you'll have your
Fears by praying they will disappear
And His love for you will be your
reward.

**Could this have been just a dream
Or is it really true?
Now I stand alone
And the shining light
Has gone and left me too**

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Christian Voices was founded in 2008.

"Finding Hope" is our 29th production and we have performed
our plays in over 25 churches.

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have performed, on our website:

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