

# Come Find Me | A Christmas Musical

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Setting: Modern day. A small town in Pennsylvania and the ice cap of Greenland.

## ACT ONE

In a flashback 4 years prior, the Patterson family enjoys a festive evening at the Hampton Hill Tree Lighting Festival (*"The Perfect Christmas"*). Carol is the kind and nurturing mother; father Harry is an active lieutenant in the US Air Force; 17-year-old Kami is valedictorian of her high school class, and 6-year-old Ben is on the autism spectrum. As the scene dissolves into the present year's festival, only Harry and Ben remain, holding a poinsettia in remembrance of Carol while Kami is away at Yale University. After a 3-years of helping Ben stabilize, Harry elects to take his first deployment for a top-secret mission. Harry asks Kami to finish her fall semester early and fly home to take care of Ben which she reluctantly agrees to (*"Just Fly"*). Before leaving, Harry helps Ben compose a letter to Santa (*"Dear Santa"*) which Kami highly opposes in favor of Ben's need to grow up. Finding out Harry's deployment location is being withheld, Ben begins to shut down. Harry leaves, reassuring Ben with a special compass that points to the thing you love most. Kami urges Ben to set aside the crutches of imagination and belief (*"Practice Makes Perfect"*). Deployed to Greenland, Harry's unit is given instructions to clean up subarctic nuclear waste and learns he is not allowed to communicate with home (*"We Three Kings"*). Uncertain of Harry's whereabouts, Ben tears down the Christmas decorations (*"Tell Me"*). In his special hideout atop a bookcase, Ben finds comfort imagining his mother's presence (*"Born to Believe"*). Meanwhile, out on the Greenland ice cap, Harry unknowingly stumbles upon the North Pole. He is quickly sent away by disguised elves Snicker and Charley who are determined to keep his visit a secret (*"In the Dark"*). Back at base, Harry is informed that his radiation levels are too high and is placed in an isolated hut outside the camp. As days pass, Ben regresses and becomes nonverbal. Kami worries of her ability to meet Ben's growing emotional and mental needs (*"Say Something"*). Ben is convinced that Harry *must* be home for Christmas. He writes a revised Santa letter requesting for Harry to meet him at High Falls Bluff on Christmas Eve. After sneaking off to the Village Square to mail the letter, bullies break Ben's spyglass (a tool to him stay focused). In his barracks, Harry dreams of Ben being lost (*"Come Find Me"*). Kami finds Ben and warns him never to go out alone again. In his hut, Harry awakens to find a note: "Come find me." Determined to find the sender, Harry sets out across the ice cap but quickly succumbs to the elements and collapses. He awakens in North Pole Central Intelligence and is made privy to his location by Snicker and Charley (*"The Best Kept Secret That Everybody Knows"*). As Christmas Eve arrives, Ben sets out for High Falls, confident that his request will be granted. (*"Night Like No Other Night/Make It Happen"*).

## ACT TWO

While double checking Santa letters (*"Kids These Days"*), Snicker discovers Ben's letter and the dangerous plan he is undertaking and rushes to tell Harry, who has almost given up on ever returning home (*"Never Ending Road"*). Snicker offers to sneak Harry home in the sleigh, but a final reindeer grooming renders the sleigh grounded. However, when Harry gets close to the sleigh, the magic meter flickers. They discover Harry's radiation is a valid source of energy to run the sleigh and take off for the Southern Yonder (*"The Day That I Hijacked Santa's Sleigh"*). Meanwhile, Kami discovers Ben is missing and searches for clues to his whereabouts (*"If I Were Ben"*). On top of the bookcase, she finds scraps of Santa letters indicating he's headed for the treacherous High Falls where her mother died. Overcoming her own fears, she rushes to find him. Following his compass in the forest, Ben enjoys his independence and revels in nature (*"Sensational"*). As the trail gets increasingly difficult, he trips and loses his compass and crawls into a cave to hide. On her own trek up the mountain, Kami begins to have memories of Carol. Overwhelmed with emotion for the first time since her mother died, she finally allows herself to grieve. Finding Ben, they finish the hike to High Falls together, unaware that Snicker and Harry have just arrived in Cherry Springs forest. Powering the sleigh has depleted his radiation, so Harry safely heads towards High Falls to find Ben. Without a source of energy, Snicker is uncertain of how to get the sleigh back before evening (*"The Day That I Hijacked Santa's Sleigh Reprise"*). When Harry reaches High Falls, he finds Ben and Kami watching the Northern Lights. Surprised at Ben's self-sufficiency and courage, Harry and Kami both find a renewed sense of family and hope. They each realize that life isn't always perfect, but facing it alone is not the answer. Inspired by Ben's unwavering hope, they embrace each other and officially start the season (*"The Perfect Christmas Reprise"*).