Cast of Characters

CLARENCE, an Angel

BERT, the cop

ERNIE, the taxi driver

GEORGE BAILEY, our hero

MR. GOWER, the pharmacist

MR. MARTINI, immigrant from Italy

MRS. MARTINI, his wife

HARRY BAILEY, George's brother

VIOLET BICK, George's friend

MOTHER BAILEY, George's mother

UNCLE BILLY, Georges uncle

COUSIN TILLY, Billy's cousin

HENRY POTTER, the richest and meanest man in town

POP BAILEY, George's father

SAM WAINWRIGHT, George's friend

MARY (HATCH) BAILEY, George's wife

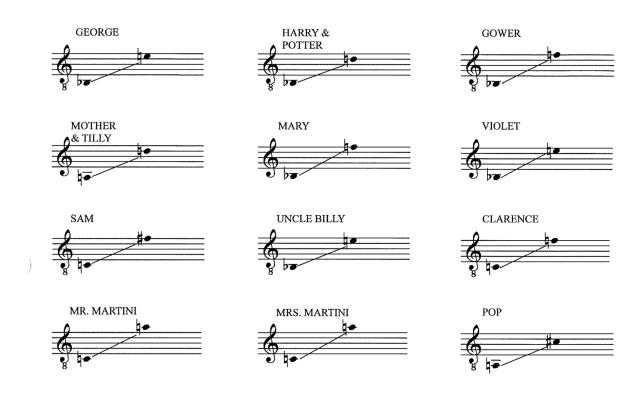
PETE BAILEY, age 9

JANIE BAILEY, age 8

TOMMY BAILEY, age 5

ZUZU BAILEY, age 6

It's A Wonderful Life Vocal Ranges



CHORUS of Bedford Falls Townspeople

JOE HEPNER*, shop owner, Building & Loan customer

POTTER'S GOON, moves Potter around in wheelchair, non-speaking

MAYOR* of Bedford Falls

MARTY HATCH*, Mary's brother

MR. REINEMAN*, Potter's employee

TOM*, Bailey Building & Loan Board member, customer

RUTH DAKIN BAILEY*, Harry's wife

MRS. HATCH*, Mary's Mother

ED*, Building & Loan customer

CHARLIE*, Building & Loan customer

RANDALL*, Building & Loan customer

MRS. THOMPSON*, Building & Loan customer

WOMAN 1*, Building & Loan customer

WOMAN 2", Building & Loan customer

WOMAN 3*, Building & Loan customer

WOMAN 4", Building & Loan customer

MRS. DAVIS*, Building & Loan customer

WOMAN 5*, on Main Street

MR. CARTER*, the Bank Examiner

SHIRLEY*, the Bank Teller

SALVATION ARMY MAN*

SHERIFF

Voice Overs

JOSEPH'S VOICE FRANKLIN'S VOICE

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS DUE BY:

Tuesday, July 01, 2025

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SELECTED SIDES:

[Pick one that you resonate with the most OR that you would like to be considered for (if applicable). Please video record your SIDE and submit electronically.

GEORGE

Well, not just one wish...a whole hatful, Mary. I know what I'm going to do tomorrow and the next day and the next year and the year after that. I'm shaking the dust of this crummy little town off my feet and I'm going to see the world. Italy, Greece, the Parthenon, the Colosseum. Then I'm coming back here and go to college and see what they know...and then I'm going to build things. I'm gonna build air fields. I'm gonna build skyscrapers a hundred stories high. I'm gonna build bridges a mile long...

AND/OR

GEORGE

No...no...no... no, now wait a minute, here! I don't have to talk to anybody! I know right now, and the answer is no! NO! You sit around here and you spin your little webs and you think the whole world revolves around you and your money. Well, it doesn't, Mr. Potter! In the.....in the whole vast configuration of things, I'd say you were nothing but a scurvy little spider. (to POTTER's GOON)
And that goes for you too!!!

POTTER

George, I'm an old man, and most people hate me. But I don't like them either, so that makes it all even. You know just as well as I do that I run practically everything in this town but the Bailey Building and Loan. You know, also, that for a number of years I've been trying to get control of it...or kill it. But I haven't been able to do it. You have been stopping me. In fact, you have beaten me, George, and as anyone in this county can tell you, that takes some doing. Take during the depression, for instance. You and I were the only ones that kept our heads. You saved the Building & Loan and I saved all the rest.

MAYOR

What a wonderful day this is - Christmas Eve! There's no other day like it all year long. And this year, it is especially meaningful here in Bedford Falls! I want all of us to congratulate George Bailey and the whole Bailey family on the wonderful news in the paper this morning. If you haven't seen it, Harry Bailey, George's brother, received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery in the war as a Navy pilot. The day after Christmas, there will be a full parade, and a banquet that evening in Harry's honor. George, I understand that Harry's on his way home for Christmas.

UNCLE BILLY

I've looked everywhere, George. I didn't even buy a stick of gum. I've gone over every step since I left the house this morning, George. It's just gone, George... I'm no good to you, George. I... I've been over the whole house, even in rooms that have been locked ever since I lost Laura. I can't think any more, George. I can't think any more. It hurts!

MARY

Hello darling. (indicating the Christmas tree) How do you like it? Did you bring the wreath? The Merry Christmas wreath for the window. Is it snowing? Where's your coat and hat? What's the matter? Go on, Pete. You're a big boy. You can put the star up. Way up at the top. That's it. Fill in that little bare spot right there. That's it. (to GEORGE)

Isn't it wonderful about Harry? We're famous, George. I'll bet I had fifty calls today about the parade, the banquet. Your mother's so excited, she... Better hurry and shave. The families will be here soon.

CLARENCE

You are somebody. You see George, you really had a wonderful life. Don't you see what a mistake it would be to throw it away? Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives, and when he isn't around... he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?

SAM

George. I'm tellin' ya. You need to get in with me on this plastics business. I have a big deal coming up that's going to make us all rich. George, you remember that time when you told me you read in that magazine about making plastics out of Soybeans? Well, Dad's snapped up the idea. He's going to build a factory outside of Rochester. How do you like that? Oh, baby, I knew you'd come through. Now listen. Have you got any money? I'm tellin' ya, George. This thing is gonna be bigger than radio. And you can get in on the ground floor!

POP

No gin tonight, son. No, son, not one drop. Boys and girls and music. Why do they need gin? You know, George, wish we could send Harry to college with you. Your mother and I talked it over half the night. I suppose you've decided what you're going to do when you get out of college? Still after that first million before you're thirty? Of course, it's just a hope, but you wouldn't consider coming back to the Building and Loan, would you?

MOTHER

Uncle Billy, why don't you go help Harry and Ruth get their bags inside and put away. You might even want to show them around town...(to RUTH)if Ruth would enjoy that... George. (GEORGE sits despondently at the table...MOTHER rises from her seat, goes to GEORGE and kisses him on the cheek)

That's for nothing. How do you like her? Looks like she can keep Harry on his toes. Did you know that Mary Hatch is back from school? Came back three days ago. Nice girl, Mary. Kind that will help you find the answers, George. Can you give me one good reason why you shouldn't call on Mary?

MUSIC SIDE:

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Should old acquaintance be forgot And never brought to mind? Should old acquaintance be forgot In the days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear For auld lang syne We'll drink a cup of kindness yet For the sake of auld lang syne