COLD OPENING (Karen, Richard)

(KAREN AND RICHARD IN THE LIVING ROOM)

MUSIC: CELESTE UNDERSCORE (POST)

KAREN

Merry Christmas, everyone...

RICHARD

... and welcome to the joy of the holiday season.

KAREN

It's that time of year when spirits are high, and so many of our hopes and fantasies can come true.

RICHARD

It's that time of year when the best things of all happen... with a little

(FREEZE FRAME)

MUSIC: STING (POST)

(INTO: PETER PIT ON ROOF)

## MUSIC: "MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING" (TOTAL TRACK)

KAREN

GREETING CARDS HAVE ALL BEEN SENT
THE CHRISTMAS RUSH IS THROUGH
BUT I STILL HAVE ONE WISH TO MAKE
A SPECIAL ONE FOR YOU

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MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING
WE'RE APART THAT'S TRUE
BUT I CAN DREAM
AND IN MY DREAMS
I'M CHRISTMASING WITH YOU

- 1 -

HOLIDAYS ARE JOYFUL
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW
BUT EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY
WHEN I'M NEAR TO YOU

- 1 -

THE LIGHTS ON MY TREE

I WISH YOU COULD SEE

I WISH IT EVERY DAY

SINGERS (V.O.)

AH AH AH AH

# "MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING" (CONT'D)

KAREN

THE LOGS ON THE FIRE (ah)

FILL ME WITH DESIRE (ah)

TO SEE YOU AND TO SAY

THAT I WISH YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS

WOMEN SINGERS (V.O.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING

KAREN

HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO

SINGERS (V.O.)

AH AH AH AH

KAREN

I'VE JUST ONE WISH (ah)

ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE (ah)

WOMEN SINGERS (V.O.)

ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE

KAREN

I WISH I WERE WITH YOU

SINGERS V(.O.)

AH AH AH AH

(SINGERS AHS CONTINUE)

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KAREN

THE LOGS ON THE FIRE (ah)

(MORE)

KAREN (CONT'D)

FILL ME WITH DESIRE (ah)

TO SEE YOU AND TO SAY

THAT I WISH YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS

WOMAN SINGERS (V.O.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING

KAREN

HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO

SINGERS (V.O.)

HA HA HA HA

KAREN

I'VE JUST ONE WISH (ah)

ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE (ah)

WOMEN SINGERS V(.O.)

ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE

KAREN

I WISH I WERE WITH YOU

I WISH I WERE WITH YOU

MERRY CHRISTMAS
(Merry Christmas)

MERRY CHRISTMAS (merry Christmas)

KAREN/SINGERS (V.O.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING

MUSIC: OUT

(INTO: TALK INTO GENE'S GIFT)

TALK INTO GENE'S GIFT (Karen, Richard, Gene, Georgia, Kristy, Jimmy, The Group)

MUSIC: UNDER (POST)

GENE

You know, I've got a theory about Christmas presents...

KRISTY

That it's more blessed to give than to receive?

GENE

That, and more.

GEORGIA

That it's not the gift, it's the thought behind it.

GENE

That's part of it too. What my theory is -- you might even call it Kelly's Law -- is that people give to others what they'd most like to receive themselves.

RICHARD

Yeah, that makes sense to me.

KRISTY

Jimmy and I gave the gift of Family, and that sure means a lot of us.

### KAREN

Wait a minute. I'm giving everybody food. A turkey!!

GENE

You may think you're giving us a bird, but I think of it as --

## (SLIPPING INTO AN IRISH ACCENT)

-- the golden gift of hospitality and warmth, the very sustenance of joy itself, the daily bread from which all the sandwiches of life are sliced.

## (ALL APPLAUD)

### RICHARD

Wow, is that really what she's been doing or have you been kissing the Blarney Stone again?

## GENE

Oh, you noticed, huh? Actually, I'm warming up to give you my present. And it's about the best way to celebrate Christmas you or I could ever know -- next to this way, of course -- and the greenest one too.

## KRISTY

The greenest?

GENE

That's right. Now what's the greenest, sweetest place on Earth, Miss McNichol?

KRISTY

Ireland?

GENE

Very good. And Miss McEngel, what's the friendliest spot in the greenest place on Earth?

GEORGIA

Killarney?

GENE

Perfect so far. And you, Miss
O'Carpenter, are you ready for the gift
of old Erin?

KAREN

Ready, Mr. O'Kelly.

STOP TAPE

GOODNIGHTS
(Karen, Richard,
Entire Cast)

MUSIC: UNDER (POST)

(THE GUESTS ARE SEEN B.G., TALKING QUIETLY, STILL ENJOYING THE PARTY)

KAREN

Now that we've shared our gifts, we'd like to thank you for being with us again this year.

RICHARD

And very special thanks to our guests Kristy and Jimmy McNichol, Georgia Engel, and Mr. Gene Kelly.

KAREN

And that spirit hovering over our party was...

(INSERT PETER PIT)

MUSIC: STING (POST)

KAREN (CONT'D)

... our new friend Peter Pit, without whom it would have been a lot less magical.

RICHARD

Our party's going to go on now, and we hope yours does too. Merry Christmas, everybody...

KAREN

Happy New Year, and God bless you all.

BOTH

Goodnight.

(INTO: CLOSING CREDITS)