Sparkle, Twinkle and Blink

A Christmas Play

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Sparkle, Twinkle and Blink are party lights. Party light costumes can be made from cardboard or corflute and worn like a sandwich panel over black long sleeved tops, and black pants. Each character wears an 'electrical cap' head piece. A long 'electrical wire' from each cap means the party lights are joined to one another. This provides lots of opportunity for the lights to get pulled around and tangled - creating a lot of comedic moments! I'll leave the length of 'wire' to you because it will depend on how much space you have to act in.

You will need a stable with a manger and a doll for baby Jesus unless you have a very obliging mother and new born baby in your Church! You'll need a box of costumes for the characters in the Nativity, and animal costumes, if you choose to add them to the script. The stable will need lighting which will be turned on as a surprise for the congregation.

The play ends with the song 'Jesus, Light of the World' by Third Day. You may like to give out glow sticks to the congregation on arrival to be used during this song when the Party Lights invite them to join in.

Scene:

Sparkle, Twinkle and Blink, the party lights, are being used in a Christmas display outside a house. They enthusiastically wave and call out greetings to all the families that drive or walk by. They are very happy!

Sparkle: Oh, hello! I'm Sparkle! Merry Christmas!

Twinkle: Hey there, I'm Twinkle! Merry Christmas!

Blink: Yo! And I'm Blink! Check this out!

Blink breaks into a break dance move which causes Sparkle and Twinkle to be pulled around.

Sparkle: Oh, watch out!

Twinkle: Oh, no, Blink! What are you doing?

Blink: I'm **radiating** style…

The lights untangle themselves and recover so they can wave at the passers-by again.

Sparkle: Oh, I do love Christmas! Hello!

Twinkle: Yes, we're really at our best at Christmas time.
Merry Christmas!

Blink: It's when I get to **dazzle**. *(Spins and tangles them again)*

They eventually right themselves.

Sparkle: I love it when families drive by… *(waves)*
Hi! Hello! Merry Christmas!

Twinkle: Oh, look at that! That family brought their dogs.
Merry Christmas puppies!

Blink: Yo, check me out!

Blink dances and again Sparkle and Twinkle are pulled around.

Sparkle: Watch out, Blink.
I don't want to get tangled.

Twinkle: Oh, yes, do be careful Blink.
Remember the mess we were in after that wedding.

Blink: Ha! And after that 21st.
Took us ages to get sorted.

Sparkle: Hello! *(Waves to passers-by)*
Merry Christmas!

Twinkle: Hi! *(Waves to passers-by)*
Merry Christmas!

Blink: *(Waves to passers-by)*
Felice Navidad!

Sparkle: What's that?

Twinkle: Now, where did you pick that up, Blink?

Blink: It's Merry Christmas in Spanish.
I picked up a bit of the lingo at that fiesta gig last year.

Sparkle: We are kept busy aren't we?

Twinkle: Everyone loves party lights!

Blink: You said it!
Something's missing if we're not invited!

Sparkle: But I truly think Christmas is the best!

Twinkle: It is the time of year we're appreciated the most.

Blink: People love to see me **shine**…I mean us.

Blink does another dance routine and pulls Sparkle and Twinkle all over the place again.

Sparkle: Blink!
But Christmas is about more than party lights.
It's when THE light came.

Twinkle: The LIGHT of the world?
Oh! *(In rapturous delight)*

Blink: Who? Who are you talking about?
Is someone trying to steal our gig?

Sparkle: We're beautiful to look at, Blink, but even we can't compare to Jesus!

Twinkle: We shine, but not as much as He does!

Blink: Have you two **blown a bulb**?
What are you talking about?

Sparkle: Blink, after all the Christmas' we've attended!

Twinkle: Do you mean to tell me you don't know who Christmas is really about?

Blink: Of course I do!
It's about that fat bloke in the red suit, isn't it?
He's always stealing my **lime light**.
Every Christmas he shows up…or at least you see his boots sticking out of a fake chimney!

Blink does a break dance and ends up on his back with his feet kicking in the air. Sparkle and Twinkle are pulled down, too, but eventually right themselves.

Sparkle: You mean Santa Clause?
You think Santa Clause is what Christmas is about?

Twinkle: You certainly see more of him than you see Jesus.
We hardly **illuminate** any Nativity Scenes anymore.

Blink: Nativity? What's a nativity?

Sparkle: You know.
The stable scene.

Twinkle: To recreate the night baby Jesus was born so
people will remember Him.

Blink: You'll have to **shed some light** on that for me!

Sparkle: What a good idea!
We'll do that right now with some help from people walking by.

Sparkle and Twinkle pull people/children from the audience to create the Nativity Scene as they tell the story of Jesus' birth. Depending on the occasion and audience this could be spontaneous or planned. Now it's Blink's turn to be pulled around and tangled – but don't distract too much from the Nativity scene being created. If you want to use more people and add to the Nativity, you can include shepherds and dress people up as the animals. However, keep the focus on the message that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Sparkle: (*Choose someone to be Joseph)*
Hello. Merry Christmas
Can you help us?
We need Joseph.

Twinkle: This is Joseph. *(Add costume and place in the stable)*
He is a godly man and respected.
God trusted him to raise His Son, Jesus.
He married a young woman named Mary.

Sparkle: *(Choose someone to be Mary)*
Hi there! Merry Christmas!
Would you like to help us?

Twinkle: *(Add costume and place in the stable)*
Mary was a young woman who loved God.
God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son, Jesus.

Sparkle: *(Choose someone to be baby Jesus or use a doll)*
And here's baby Jesus.

Twinkle: *(Hand the baby to Mary. Joseph and Mary look at Jesus adoringly)*
Jesus just **has** to be remembered.
He's the **highlight!**

Blink: Why?

Sparkle: Because of who He is.
Jesus is the promised Messiah or anointed one.
He's the **Glory of God!**

Twinkle: That's why He shines!

Sparkle & Twinkle: 'The Light has come…

SFX: ***Light up the stable!***

Sparkle & Twinkle …The glory of the Lord shines upon you.'
(Isaiah 60:1)

Sparkle: Jesus even said it himself when he grew up:
'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' *(John 8:12)*

Twinkle: Jesus, the light, helps us see!
So we know the truth.

Sparkle: Jesus, the light, guides us where to go!

Twinkle: Jesus, the light, helps us grow!

Sparkle: Jesus, the light, warms and comforts us!

Blink: *(Standing like a superhero)*
And light is greater than darkness!

Sparkle: Yes, Blink!

Twinkle: Jesus chases away the darkness!

Blink: Does this mean we're out of a job?
We can't shine anymore?

Sparkle: No, Blink.
We're party lights and shining is what we do.

Twinkle: But for all those people out there *(pointing to the audience)*
When they ask Jesus to be their Lord and Saviour,
He lives inside them, so then they shine, too.

Twinkle: They become sons and daughters of light.

Blink: So they have to shine like us, huh?
(Speaks to the audience)
Hey!
You better let me see you shine, people!

Music: Jesus Light of the World by Third Day

Sparkle, Twinkle, Blink and the cast of the Nativity all sway to the song. You may like them to hold up candles or glow sticks. The congregation is invited to sway and use their glow sticks.