

The script to
Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas

NARRATOR

'Twas a long time ago, longer now than it seems, in a place
that perhaps you've seen in your dreams. For the story that you are
about to be told, took place in the holiday worlds of old. Now, you've
probably wondered where holidays come from. If you haven't, I'd say it's
time you begun.

This Is Halloween

SHADOW

Boys and girls of every age
Wouldn't you like to see something strange?

SIAMESE SHADOW

Come with us and you will see
This, our town of Halloween

PUMPKIN PATCH CHORUS

This is Halloween, this is Halloween
Pumpkins scream in the dead of night

GHOSTS

This is Halloween, everybody make a scene
Trick or treat till the neighbors gonna die of fright
It's our town, everybody scream
In this town of Halloween

CREATURE UNDER BED

I am the one hiding under your bed
Teeth ground sharp and eyes glowing red

MAN UNDER THE STAIRS

I am the one hiding under your stairs
Fingers like snakes and spiders in my hair

CORPSE CHORUS

This is Halloween, this is Halloween
Halloween! Halloween! Halloween! Halloween!

VAMPIRES

In this town we call home
Everyone hail to the pumpkin song

MAYOR

In this town, don't we love it now?
Everybody's waiting for the next surprise

CORPSE CHORUS

Round that corner, man hiding in the trash can
Something's waiting now to pounce, and how you'll scream

HARLEQUIN DEMON, WEREWOLF, AND MELTING MAN

Scream! This is Halloween
Red 'n' black, slimy green

WEREWOLF

Aren't you scared?

WITCHES

Well, that's just fine
Say it once, say it twice
Take the chance and roll the dice
Ride with the moon in the dead of night

HANGING TREE

Everybody scream, everybody scream

HANGED MEN

In our town of Halloween

CLOWN

I am the clown with the tear-away face
Here in a flash and gone without a trace

SECOND GHOUL

I am the "who" when you call, "Who's there?"
I am the wind blowing through your hair

OOGIE BOOGIE SHADOW

I am the shadow on the moon at night
Filling your dreams to the brim with fright

CORPSE CHORUS

This is Halloween, this is Halloween
Halloween! Halloween! Halloween! Halloween!
Halloween! Halloween!

CHILD CORPSE TRIO

Tender lumpings everywhere
Life's no fun without a good scare

PARENT CORPSES

That's our job, but we're not mean
In our town of Halloween

CORPSE CHORUS

In this town

MAYOR

Don't we love it now?

MAYOR WITH CORPSE CHORUS

Everyone's waiting for the next surprise

CORPSE CHORUS

Skeleton Jack might catch you in the back
And scream like a banshee
Make you jump out of your skin
This is Halloween, everybody scream
Won't ya please make way for a very special guy
Our man Jack is king of the pumpkin patch

Everyone hail to the Pumpkin King now

EVERYONE

This is Halloween, this is Halloween
Halloween! Halloween! Halloween! Halloween!

CORPSE CHILD TRIO

In this town we call home
Everyone hail to the pumpkin song

EVERYONE

La la-la la, Halloween! Halloween! (etc.)

EVERYONE

[applause]

WITCHES

Cackling

CLOWN

It's over!

BEHEMOTH

We did it!

[tummy bump]

WEREWOLF

Wasn't it terrifying?

HYDE & CYCLOPS

What a night!

MAYOR

Great Halloween everybody.

JACK

I believe it was our most horrible yet! Thank you everyone.

MAYOR

No, thanks to you, Jack. Without your brilliant leadership -

JACK

Not at all Mayor.

VAMPIRE (fat)

You're such a scream, Jack

WITCH

You're a witch's fondest dream!

WITCH (little)

You made walls fall, Jack

WITCH

Walls fall? You made the very mountains crack, Jack

DR. FINKELSTEIN

The deadly nightshade you slipped me wore off, Sally.

SALLY

Let go!

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You're not ready for so much excitement!

SALLY

Yes I am!

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You're coming with me!

SALLY

No I'm not!

[Sally pulls out the thread that's holding her arm on]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Come back here you foolish oaf! Ow!

CREATURE FROM BLACK LAGOON

Ooo Jack, you make wounds ooze and flesh crawl.

JACK

Thank you, thank you, thank you -- very much

MAYOR

Hold it! We haven't given out the prizes yet! Our first award goes to the vampires for most blood drained in a single evening.

[applause]

MAYOR

A frightening and honorable mention goes to the fabulous Dark Lagoon leeches

SAX PLAYER

Nice work, Bone Daddy.

JACK

Yeah, I guess so. Just like last year and the year before that and the year before that.

[entering graveyard]

Jack's Lament
Performed by Danny Elfman

There are few who'd deny, at what I do I am the best
For my talents are renowned far and wide
When it comes to surprises in the moonlit night

I excel without ever even trying
With the slightest little effort of my ghostlike charms
I have seen grown men give out a shriek
With the wave of my hand, and a well-placed moan
I have swept the very bravest off their feet

Yet year after year, it's the same routine
And I grow so weary of the sound of screams
And I, Jack, the Pumpkin King
Have grown so tired of the same old thing

Oh, somewhere deep inside of these bones
An emptiness began to grow
There's something out there, far from my home
A longing that I've never known

I'm the master of fright, and a demon of light
And I'll scare you right out of your pants
To a guy in Kentucky, I'm Mister Unlucky
And I'm known throughout England and France

And since I am dead, I can take off my head
To recite Shakespearean quotations
No animal nor man can scream like I can
With the fury of my recitations

But who here would ever understand
That the Pumpkin King with the skeleton grin
Would tire of his crown, if they only understood
He'd give it all up if he only could

Oh, there's an empty place in my bones
That calls out for something unknown
The fame and praise come year after year
Does nothing for these empty tears

[leaving graveyard and entering forest]

SALLY

Jack, I know how you feel.

[Sally gathers herbs]

[back at Dr. Finkelstein's castle]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Sally, you've come back.

SALLY

I had to.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

For this?

[showing her arm]

SALLY

Yes.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Shall we then.

That's twice this month you've slipped deadly nightshade into my tea

and run off --

SALLY

Three times!

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You're mine you know! I made you with my own hands.

SALLY

You can make other creations. I'm restless, I can't help it.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

It's a phase my dear, it'll pass. We need to be patient that's all.

SALLY

But, I don't want to be patient.

[forest]

ZERO

bark

JACK

No Zero, not now. I'm not in the mood.

ZERO

bark

JACK

All right. [giving Zero a rib from himself] Here ya go boy.

[Zero gets rib and shows off his nose]

[Back to Halloweentown]

MAYOR

Morning gents [to the band]

[humming This Is Halloween, walks up to Jack's front door and rings bell]

MAYOR

Jack, you home?

[getting worried, switches face and knocks with desperation then switch back to happy face]

MAYOR

Jack? I've got the plans for next Halloween. I need to go over them with you so we can get started.

MAYOR (with worried face)

Jack, please, I'm only an elected official here, I can't make decisions by myself. Jack, answer me!!

[falls down steps]

ACCORDION PLAYER

He's not home.

MAYOR

Where is he?

SAX PLAYER

He hasn't been home all night.

MAYOR

ooooo

[back to forest]

JACK

(yawning) Where are we? It's someplace new.

ZERO

bark bark

JACK

What is this?

[Jack sees Valentine's tree, shamrock tree, Easter egg tree, turkey tree]

JACK

[gasps]

[sees Xmas tree]

[turns knob and gets sucked in]

ZERO

bark bark

JACK

Whoa!!!!

What's This?

Performed by Danny Elfman

What's this? What's this?

There's color everywhere

What's this?

There's white things in the air

What's this?

I can't believe my eyes

I must be dreaming

Wake up, Jack, this isn't fair

What's this?

What's this? What's this?

There's something very wrong

What's this?

There's people singing songs

What's this?

The streets are lined with

Little creatures laughing

Everybody seems so happy
Have I possibly gone daffy?
What is this?
What's this?

There's children throwing snowballs
instead of throwing heads
They're busy building toys
And absolutely no one's dead

There's frost on every window
Oh, I can't believe my eyes
And in my bones I feel the warmth
That's coming from inside

Oh, look
What's this?
They're hanging mistletoe, they kiss
Why that looks so unique, inspired
They're gathering around to hear a story
Roasting chestnuts on a fire
What's this?

What's this?
In here they've got a little tree, how queer
And who would ever think
And why?

They're covering it with tiny little things
They've got electric lights on strings
And there's a smile on everyone
So, now, correct me if I'm wrong
This looks like fun
This looks like fun
Oh, could it be I got my wish?
What's this?

Oh my, what now?
The children are asleep
But look, there's nothing underneath
No ghouls, no witches here to scream and scare them
Or ensnare them, only little cozy things
Secure inside their dreamland
What's this?

The monsters are all missing
And the nightmares can't be found
And in their place there seems to be
Good feeling all around

Instead of screams, I swear
I can hear music in the air
The smell of cakes and pies
Are absolutely everywhere

The sights, the sounds
They're everywhere and all around

I've never felt so good before
This empty place inside of me is filling up
I simply cannot get enough

I want it, oh, I want it
Oh, I want it for my own
I've got to know
I've got to know
What is this place that I have found?
What is this?
Christmas Town, hmm...

SANDY CLAWS

Ho Ho Ho Ho ho ho ho ho

JACK

hmm..

[Halloweentown]

CLOWN

This has never happened before.

Witch
It's suspicious.

Witch (little)
It's peculiar.

VAMPIRES

It's scary.

MAYOR

Stand aside.

WEREWOLF

grrrr

MAYOR

Coming through. We've got find Jack. There's only 365 days left till
next Halloween.

WEREWOLF

364!

MAYOR

Is there anywhere we've forgotten to check?

Clown
I looked in every mausoleum.

WITCHES

We opened the sarcophagi.

Hyde
I tromped through the pumpkin patch.

VAMPIRE

I peeked behind the Cyclops's eye. I did! But he wasn't there.

MAYOR

It's time to sound the alarms.

[DR. FINKELSTEIN's castle]

SALLY

Frog's breath will overpower any odor. Bitter. [coughing] Worm's wart. Where's that worm's wart?

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Sally, that soup ready yet?

SALLY

Coming....lunch

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Ah, what's that? Worm's wart, mmm, and...frog's breath.

SALLY

What's wrong? I-I thought you liked frog's breath.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Nothing's more suspicious than frog's breath. Until you taste it I won't swallow a spoonful.

SALLY

I'm not hungry... [knocking spoon] Oops!

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You want me to starve. An old man like me who hardly has strength as it is. Me, to whom you owe your very life.

SALLY

Oh don't be silly. [eats soup with trick spoon] Mmmm, see. Scrumptious.

[Dr. Finkelstein eats soup]

[Halloween]

MAYOR

Did anyone think to dredge the lake?

VAMPIRE

Ah, this morning!

ZERO

barks

Witch

Hear that?

Witch (little)

What?

Witch
Shh!

ZERO
barks

VAMPIRE
Zero!

[fanfare as Jack and Zero arrive]

Kid
Jack's back!

MAYOR
Where have you been?

JACK
Call a town meeting and I'll tell everyone all about it.

MAYOR
When?

JACK
Immediately!

MAYOR
[in his mayor truck]
Town meeting, town meeting, town meeting tonight, town meeting tonight

[at meeting]

Clown
[giggles as he hits Sally]

JACK
Listen everyone. I want to tell you about Christmastown.

Town Meeting Song
Performed by Danny Elfman and Cast

JACK
There are objects so peculiar
They were not to be believed
All around, things to tantalize my brain
It's a world unlike anything I've ever seen
And as hard as I try
I can't seem to describe
Like a most improbable dream
But you must believe when I tell you this
It's as real as my skull and it does exist
Here, let me show you

This is a thing called a present
The whole thing starts with a box

DEVIL

A box?
is it steel?

WEREWOLF

Are there locks?

HARLEQUIN DEMON

Is it filled with a pox?

DEVIL, WEREWOLF, HARLEQUIN DEMON

A pox
How delightful, a pox

JACK

If you please
Just a box with bright-colored paper
And the whole thing's topped with a bow

WITCHES

A bow?
But why?
How ugly
What's in it?
What's in it?

JACK

That's the point of the thing, not to know

CLOWN

It's a bat
Will it bend?

CREATURE UNDER THE STAIRS

It's a rat
Will it break?

UNDERSEA GAL

Perhaps it s the head that I found in the lake

JACK

Listen now, you don't understand
That's not the point of Christmas land

Now, pay attention
We pick up an oversized sock
And hang it like this on the wall

MR. HYDE

Oh, yes! Does it still have a foot?

MEDIUM MR. HYDE

Let me see, let me look

SMALL MR. HYDE

Is it rotted and covered with gook?

JACK

Um, let me explain
There's no foot inside, but there's candy
Or sometimes it's filled with small toys

MUMMY AND WINGED DEMON

Small toys

WINGED DEMON

Do they bite?

MUMMY

Do they snap?

WINGED DEMON

Or explode in a sack?

CORPSE KID

Or perhaps they just spring out
And scare girls and boys

MAYOR

What a splendid idea
This Christmas sounds fun
I fully endorse it
Let's try it at once

JACK

Everyone, please now, not so fast
There's something here that you don't quite grasp
Well, I may as well give them what they want
And the best, I must confess, I have saved for the last
For the ruler of this Christmas land
Is a fearsome king with a deep mighty voice
Least that's what I've come to understand

And I've also heard it told
That he's something to behold
Like a lobster, huge and red
When he sets out to slay with his rain gear on
Carting bulging sacks with his big great arms
That is, so I've heard it said

And on a dark, cold night
Under full moonlight
He flies into a fog
Like a vulture in the sky
And they call him Sandy Claws

Well, at least they're excited
But they don't understand
That special kind of feeling in Christmas land
Oh, well...

[Jack's house]

JACK

There's got to be a logical way to explain this Xmas thing.

[Dr. Finkelstein's castle]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You've poisoned me for the last time you wretched girl.

[locks Sally away]

[dingdong]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Oh my head...the door is open.

JACK

Hel-lo

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Jack Skellington, up here my boy.

JACK

Dr. I need to borrow some equipment.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Is that so, whatever for?

JACK

I'm conducting a series of experiments.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

How perfectly marvelous. Curiosity killed the cat, you know.

JACK

I know.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Come on into the lab and we'll get you all fixed up.

SALLY

Hmm. Experiments?

[Jack's house]

JACK

Zero, I'm home.

[Jack examines & experiments with Xmas stuff]

JACK

Interesting reaction....but what does it mean?

[Sally's room]

[after Sally jumps to give Jack his basket...]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You can come out now if you promise to behave. Sally. Sally. Oooh! Gone again!

[Jack's house]

[Sally gives Jack his basket and sneaks off and picks a flower which catches on fire]

Jack's Obsession
Performed by Danny Elfman and Cast

CITIZENS OF HALLOWEEN

Something's up with Jack
Something's up with Jack
Don't know if we're ever going to get him back

He's all alone up there
Locked away inside
Never says a word
Hope he hasn't died
Something's up with Jack
Something's up with Jack

JACK

Christmas time is buzzing in my skull
Will it let me be? I cannot tell
There's so many things I cannot grasp
When I think I've got it, and then at last
Through my bony fingers it does slip
Like a snowflake in a fiery grip

Something here I'm not quite getting
Though I try, I keep forgetting
Like a memory long since past
Here in an instant, gone in a flash
What does it mean?
What does it mean?

In these little bric-a-brac
A secret's waiting to be cracked
These dolls and toys confuse me so
Confound it all, I love it though

Simple objects, nothing more
But something's hidden through a door
Though I do not have the key
Something's there I cannot see
What does it mean?
What does it mean?
What does it mean?
Hmm...

I've read these Christmas books so many times
I know the stories and I know the rhymes
I know the Christmas carols all by heart
My skull's so full, it's tearing me apart
As often as I've read them, something's wrong
So hard to put my bony finger on

Or perhaps it's really not as deep
As I've been led to think
Am I trying much too hard?
Of course! I've been too close to see
The answer's right in front of me
Right in front of me

It's simple really, very clear
Like music drifting in the air
Invisible, but everywhere
Just because I cannot see it
Doesn't mean I can't believe it

You know, I think this Christmas thing
It's not as tricky as it seems
And why should they have all the fun?
It should belong to anyone

Not anyone, in fact, but me
Why, I could make a Christmas tree
And there's no reason I can find
I couldn't handle Christmas time

I bet I could improve it too
And that's exactly what I'll do
Hee, hee, hee

JACK

Eureka!! This year, Christmas will be ours!

MAYOR

Patience, everyone. Jack has a special Job for each of us. Dr.
Finkelstein, your Xmas assignment is ready. Dr. Finkelstein to the front
of the line.

VAMPIRE

What kind of a noise is that for a baby to make?

JACK

Perhaps it can be improved?

VAMPIRES

No problem!

JACK

I knew it! Dr. thank you for coming. We need some of these.
[showing picture of Santa and sleigh]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Hmm.. their construction should be exceedingly simple. I think.

MAYOR

How horrible our Xmas will be.

JACK

No--how jolly.

MAYOR

[switches face]

Oh, how jolly our Xmas will be. [gets pelted] What are you doing here?

LOCK

Jack sent for us.

SHOCK

Specifically.

BARREL

By name.

LOCK

Lock

SHOCK

Shock

BARREL

Barrel

MAYOR

Jack, Jack it's Oogie's boys!

JACK

Ah, Halloween's finest trick or treaters. The job I have for you is top secret. It requires craft, cunning, mischief.

SHOCK

And we thought you didn't like us, Jack.

[giggles]

JACK

Absolutely no one is to know about it. Not a soul. Now--

[whispers to LS&B]

And one more thing -- leave that no account Oogie Boogie out of this!

BARREL

Whatever you say, Jack.

SHOCK

Of course Jack.

LOCK

Wouldn't dream of it Jack.

[all said with their fingers crossed]

Kidnap the Sandy Claws

Performed by Paul Reubens, Catherine O'Hara, and Danny Elfman

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Kidnap Mr. Sandy Claws

LOCK

I wanna do it

BARREL

Let's draw straws

SHOCK

Jack said we should work together
Three of a kind

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Birds of a feather
Now and forever
Wheeee
La, la, la, la, la

Kidnap the Sandy Claws, lock him up real tight
Throw away the key and then
Turn off all the lights

SHOCK

First, we're going to set some bait
Inside a nasty trap and wait
When he comes a-sniffing we will
Snap the trap and close the gate

LOCK

Wait! I've got a better plan
To catch this big red lobster man
Let's pop him in a boiling pot
And when he's done we'll butter him up

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Kidnap the Sandy Claws
Throw him in a box
Bury him for ninety years
Then see if he talks

SHOCK

Then Mr. Oogie Boogie Man
Can take the whole thing over then
He'll be so pleased, I do declare
That he will cook him rare

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Wheeee

LOCK

I say that we take a cannon
Aim it at his door
And then knock three times
And when he answers
Sandy Claws will be no more

SHOCK

You're so stupid, think now
If we blow him up to smithereens
We may lose some pieces
And then Jack will beat us black and green

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Kidnap the Sandy Claws
Tie him in a bag
Throw him in the ocean
Then, see if he is sad

LOCK AND SHOCK

Because Mr. Oogie Boogie is the meanest guy around
If I were on his Boogie list, I'd get out of town

BARREL

He'll be so pleased by our success
That he'll reward us too, I'll bet

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Perhaps he'll make his special brew
Of snake and spider stew
Ummm!

We're his little henchmen and
We take our job with pride
We do our best to please him
And stay on his good side

SHOCK

I wish my cohorts weren't so dumb

BARREL

I'm not the dumb one

LOCK

You're no fun

SHOCK

Shut up

LOCK

Make me

SHOCK

I've got something, listen now
This one is real good, you'll see
We'll send a present to his door
Upon there'll be a note to read
Now, in the box we'll wait and hide
Until his curiosity entices him to look inside

BARREL

And then we'll have him
One, two, three

LOCK, SHOCK, AND BARREL

Kidnap the Sandy Claws, beat him with a stick
Lock him up for ninety years, see what makes him tick
Kidnap the Sandy Claws, chop him into bits
Mr. Oogie Boogie is sure to get his kicks

Kidnap the Sandy Claws, see what we will see
Lock him in a cage and then, throw away the key

OOGIE BOOGIE

Sandy Claws..hahaha

[city hall]

JACK

It goes something like this. [Jingle bells]
How about it? Think you can manage?

PERSON INSIDE BASS

a one, and a two, and a three, and a . . .

[Jingle in a flat key by the band]

MAYOR

Next!

JACK

Fantastic! Now why don't you all practice on that and we'll be in great
shape. Sally, I need your help more than anyone's.

SALLY

You certainly do, Jack. I had the most terrible vision.

JACK

That's splendid.

SALLY

No, it was about your Xmas. There was smoke and fire.

JACK

That not my Xmas. My Xmas is filled with laughter and joy and this--my
Sandy Claws outfit. I want you to make it.

SALLY

Jack, please, listen to me--it's going to be a disaster.

JACK

How could it be--just follow the pattern. This part is red, the trim is
white.

SALLY

It's a mistake, Jack.

JACK

Now don't be modest, who else is clever enough to make my Sandy claws outfit.

MAYOR

Next!

JACK

I have every confidence in you.

SALLY

But it seems wrong to me, very wrong.

[to Behemoth]

JACK

This device is called a nutcracker.

LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL

Jack, Jack we caught him we caught him.

JACK

Perfect! Open it up. Quickly!

[opens to reveal the Easter bunny]

JACK

That's not Sandy Claws!

SHOCK

It isn't?

BARREL

Who is it?

BEHEMOTH

Bunny!

JACK

Not Sandy Claws...take him back!

LOCK

We followed your instructions--

BARREL

we went through the door--

JACK

Which door? There's more than one. Sandy Claws is behind the door shaped like this.

[shows Xmas cookie in shape of tree]

SHOCK

I told you!

[LS&B start fighting]

JACK

Arr!! [making scary face at LS&B]

JACK

I'm very sorry for the inconvenience, sir. Take him home first and apologize again. Be careful with Sandy Claws when you fetch him. Treat him nicely.

LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL

Got it. We'll get it right next time.

[Dr. Finkelstein's castle]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

You will be a decided improvement over that treacherous Sally.

IGOR

Master, the plans.

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Excellent, Igor.

[throws him a dog bone]

Making Christmas

Performed by Danny Elfman and the Citizens of Halloween

CLOWN

This time, this time

GROUP

Making Christmas

ACCORDION PLAYER

Making Christmas

MAYOR

Making Christmas, making Christmas

Is so fine

GROUP

It's ours this time

And won't the children be surprised

It's ours this time

CHILD CORPSE

Making Christmas

MUMMY

Making Christmas

MUMMY AND CORPSE CHILD

Making Christmas

WITCHES

Time to give them something fun

WITCHES AND CREATURE LADY

They'll talk about for years to come

GROUP

Let's have a cheer from everyone

It's time to party

DUCK TOY

Making Christmas, making Christmas

VAMPIRES

Snakes and mice get wrapped up so nice
With spider legs and pretty bows

VAMPIRES AND WINGED DEMON

It's ours this time

CORPSE FATHER

All together, that and this

CORPSE FATHER, WOLF MAN

With all our tricks we're

CORPSE FATHER, WOLF MAN, DEVIL

Making Christmastime

WOLF MAN

Here comes Jack

JACK

I don't believe what's happening to me
My hopes, my dreams, my fantasies
Hee, hee, hee, hee

HARLEQUIN

Won't they be impressed, I am a genius
See how I transformed this old rat
Into a most delightful hat

JACK

Hmm, my compliments from me to you
On this your most intriguing hat
Consider though this substitute
A bat in place of this old rat
Huh! No, no, no, now that's all wrong
This thing will never make a present
It's been dead now for much too long
Try something fresher, something pleasant
Try again, don't give up

THREE MR. HYDES

All together, that and this
With all our tricks we're making Christmastime

(Instrumental)

GROUP

This time, this time

JACK

It's ours!

GROUP

Making Christmas, making Christmas
La, la, la
It's almost here

GROUP AND WOLF MAN

And we can't wait

GROUP AND HARLEQUIN

So ring the bells and celebrate

GROUP

'Cause when the full moon starts to climb
We'll all sing out

JACK

It's Christmastime
Hee, hee, hee

[Christmastown]

SANDY CLAWS

Kathleen, Bobby, Susie, yes, Susie's been nice. Nice, nice, naughty,
nice, nice, nice. There are hardly any naughty children this year.

[door chime: jingle all the way]

SANDY CLAWS

Now who could that be?

LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL

Trick or treat!

SANDY CLAWS

Huh?

[back to Halloweentown]

[to Jack in Sandy garb]

SALLY

You don't look like yourself Jack, not at all.

JACK

Isn't that wonderful. It couldn't be more wonderful!

SALLY

But you're the Pumpkin King.

JACK

Not anymore. And I feel so much better now.

SALLY

Jack, I know you think something's missing. But --

[pricks Jack's finger with needle]

JACK

SALLY

Sorry

JACK

You're right, something is missing but what? I've got the beard, the coat, the boots --

LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL

Jack, Jack this time we bagged him!

LOCK

This time we really did!

BARREL

He sure is big Jack!

SHOCK

And heavy!

SANDY CLAWS

Let me out!

JACK

Sandy Claws in person. What a pleasure to meet you. Why you have hands! You don't have claws at all.

SANDY CLAWS

Where am I?

JACK

Surprised aren't you? I knew you would be. You don't need to have another worry about Xmas this year.

SANDY CLAWS

What?

JACK

Consider this a vacation Sandy, a reward. It's your turn to take it easy.

SANDY CLAWS

But there must be some mistake!

JACK

See that he's comfortable. Just a second fellows. Of course, that's what I'm missing.

SANDY CLAWS

But --

JACK

Thanks! [took Sandy's hat]

SANDY CLAWS

You just can't... Hold on where are we going now?

JACK

ho ho ho

SALLY

This is worse than I thought, much worse. I know...

SANDY CLAWS

Me? On vacation on Xmas eve?

BARREL

Where are we taking him?

SALLY

Where?

LOCK

To Oogie boogie, of course. There isn't anywhere in the whole world more comfortable than that and Jack said to make him comfortable. Didn't he?

SHOCK & BARREL

Yes he did.

SANDY CLAWS

Haven't you heard of peace on earth and good will toward men?

LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL

No!

[Dr. Finkelstein's castle]

[getting fog juice]

SALLY

This'll stop Jack.

[working on new creation to replace Sally]

DR. FINKELSTEIN

What a joy to think of all we'll have in common. We'll have conversations worth having.

[Oogie's]

LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL

[laughing]

SANDY CLAWS

Don't do this. Naughty children never get any presents.

SHOCK

I think he might be too big.

LOCK

No he's not. If he can go down a chimney, he can fit down here!

[in Oogie's lair]

Oogie Boogie's Song
Performed by Ken Page with Ed Ivory

OOGIE BOOGIE

Well, well, well, what have we here?
Sandy Claws, huh?
Oh, I'm really scared
So you're the one everybody's talkin' about, ha, ha

You're jokin', you're jokin'
I can't believe my eyes
You're jokin' me, you gotta be
This can't be the right guy
He's ancient, he's ugly
I don't know which is worse
I might just split a seam now
If I don't die laughing first

Mr. Oogie Boogie says
There's trouble close at hand
You'd better pay attention now
'Cause I'm the Boogie Man
And if you aren't shakin'
There's something very wrong
'Cause this may be the last time
You hear the boogie song, ohhh

THREE SKELETONS

Ohhh

OOGIE BOOGIE

Ohhh

TWO SKELETONS IN VICE

Ohhh

OOGIE BOOGIE

Ohhh

THREE BATS

Ohhh, he's the Oogie Boogie Man

SANTA

Release me now
Or you must face the dire consequences
The children are expecting me
So please, come to your senses

OOGIE BOOGIE

You're jokin', you're jokin'
I can't believe my ears
Would someone shut this fella up
I'm drownin' in my tears
It's funny, I'm laughing
You really are too much
And now, with your permission
I'm going to do my stuff

SANTA

What are you going to do?

OOGIE BOOGIE

I'm gonna do the best I can

Oh, the sound of rollin' dice
To me is music in the air
'Cause I'm a gamblin' Boogie Man
Although I don't play fair

It's much more fun, I must confess
With lives on the line
Not mine, of course, but yours, old boy
Now that'd be just fine

SANTA

Release me fast or you will have to
Answer for this heinous act

OOGIE BOOGIE

Oh, brother, you're something
You put me in a spin
You aren't comprehending
The position that you're in
It's hopeless, you're finished
You haven't got a prayer
'Cause I'm Mr. Oogie Boogie
And you ain't going nowhere

[LS&B laughing]

[back to Halloweentown]

[Sally pouring fog juice into fountain]

[Jack appears from coffin and there's applause]

MAYOR

Think of us as you soar triumphantly through the sky outshining every
star. Your silhouette a dark blot on the moon, you who are our pride,
you who are our glory, you who have frightened billions into an early grave.

[the fog starts to get worse]

MAYOR

You who have eh, devastated the souls of the living...

JACK

Oh no! We can't take off in this! The reindeer can't see an inch in
front of their noses.

SALLY

Whew!

VAMPIRE

This fog's as thick as, as...

CYCLOPS

Jelly brains

VAMPIRE

Thicker!

JACK

There go all of my hope, my precious plans, my glorious dreams.

Kid

[crying] There goes Xmas.

ZERO

barks

JACK

No Zero, down boy. My what a brilliant nose you have. The better to light my way! To the head of the team, Zero! We're off!

SALLY

Wait Jack, no!

[Jack is off!]

[cheers]

JACK

ho ho ha ha ha

SALLY

Good bye Jack, my dearest Jack. Oh how I hope my premonition is wrong.

Sally's Song
Performed by Catherine O'Hara

I sense there's something in the wind
That feels like tragedy's at hand
And though I'd like to stand by him
Can't shake this feeling that I have
The worst is just around the bend

And does he notice my feelings for him?
And will he see how much he means to me?
I think it's not to be

What will become of my dear friend?
Where will his actions lead us then?
Although I'd like to join the crowd
In their enthusiastic cloud
Try as I may, it doesn't last

And will we ever end up together?
No, I think not, it's never to become
For I am not the one

[Jack playing Sandy]

JACK

ho ho ho ho ho he he he

[lands loudly & wakes up little kid]

A little kid
Santa!
[sees Jack]
[gasps] Santa?

JACK

Merry Xmas! And what is your name?

Kid
uh uh

JACK

That's all right. I have a special present for you anyway.
There you go sonny. Hohohohehehe

[goes back up chimney]

Mother
And what did Santa bring you honey?

[pulls out shrunken head]

[mother and father scream]

JACK

Merry Xmas!

Cop

[ON PHONE]

Hello, police.
[frantic peanuts-type talk]
Attacked by Xmas toys? That's strange. That's the second toy complaint
we've had.

JACK

hohohohehehe

[killer wreath, snake, vampire toy, killer duck]

[screams]

[Jack puts toys down chimneys]

[screams]

[Jack in the box chases fat kid]

JACK

You're welcome one and all!

Cop

[on phone]

Where'd you spot him?
---Fast as we can, ma'am

---Police
---I know, I know a skeleton
---Keep calm
---Turn off all the lights
---Make sure the doors are Locked
---Hello, police

Newscaster
Reports are pouring in from all over the globe
that an impostor is shamelessly impersonating Santa Claus,
mocking and mangling this joyous holiday.

Halloween residents
[cheers]

Newscaster
Police assure us that this moment, military units are mobilizing to stop
the perpetrator of this heinous crime.

SALLY

[over the Newscaster]
Jack, someone has to help Jack. Where'd they take that Sandy Claws?

Newscaster
--Come back and save Xmas

JACK

Look Zero, search lights!

[firing at Jack]

JACK

They're celebrating! They're thanking us for doing such a good job.

[almost hits Zero]

JACK

Whoa, careful down there, you almost hit us.

ZERO

bark

JACK

It's ok, Zero. Head higher!

[Oogie lair]

OOGIE BOOGIE

Are you a gamblin man, Sandy? Let's play.

[sees sally's leg]

OOGIE BOOGIE

Mmmm.. my, my....what have we here?

[Sally's hands start to rescue Sandy]

SALLY

[whispering] I'll get you out of here.

OOGIE BOOGIE

Ah, lovely. Tickle, tickle, tickle. Tickle, tickle, tickle.

[Sally's hands untie Sandy]

[Oogie realizes that there's no body to the leg]

OOGIE BOOGIE

What?!? You trying to make a dupe out of me?

[Oogie sucks Sandy and Sally back in]

[back to Jack]

JACK

Who's next on my list. Ah, little Harry and Jordan. Won't they be surprised.

[sleigh gets hit]

JACK

They're trying to hit us! ZERO!

ZERO

Bark

[sleigh gets hit]

[as Jack's falling]

JACK

Merry Xmas to all and to all a good night...

[Halloween]

WEREWOLF

howl!

MAYOR (with white face)

I knew this Xmas thing was a bad idea. I felt it in my gut. Terrible news folks. The worst tragedy of our times. Jack has been blown to smithereens. Terrible, terrible news.

[back to "normal" town]

Cop

[in car]

Attention, attention citizens. Terrible news. There's still no sign of Santa Claus. Although the impostor has been shot down, it looks like Xmas will have to be canceled this year. I repeat the impostor has been shot down but there's still no sign

[Jack in cemetery]

Poor Jack
Performed by Danny Elfman

What have I done?
What have I done?
How could I be so blind?
All is lost, where was I?
Spoiled all, spoiled all
Everything's gone all wrong

What have I done?
What have I done?
Find a deep cave to hide in
In a million years they'll find me
Only dust and a plaque
That reads, 'Here Lies Poor Old Jack'

But I never intended all this madness, never
And nobody really understood, well how could they?
That all I ever wanted was to bring them something great
Why does nothing ever turn out like it should?

Well, what the heck, I went and did my best
And, by god, I really tasted something swell
And for a moment, why, I even touched the sky
And at least I left some stories they can tell, I did

And for the first time since I don't remember when
I felt just like my old bony self again
And I, Jack, the Pumpkin King
That's right! I am the Pumpkin King, ha, ha, ha, ha

And I just can't wait until next Halloween
'Cause I've got some new ideas that will really make them scream
And, by God, I'm really going to give it all my might
Uh oh, I hope there's still time to set things right
Sandy Claws, hmm

[Oogie lair]

SALLY

You wait till Jack hears about this. By the time he's through with you,
you'll be lucky if you...

MAYOR

The king of Halloween has been blown to smithereens. Skeleton Jack is
now a pile of dust.

SALLY

[gasp]

JACK

Come on Zero. Xmas isn't over yet!

OOGIE BOOGIE

What's that you were saying about luck, rag doll?

SALLY

Help, help, help, help

OOGIE BOOGIE

Sandy, looks like it's Oogie's turn to boogie.

SALLY

[scream]

OOGIE BOOGIE

one 2 3 4 5 6 7 -- hahaha

SANDY CLAWS

This can't be happening!

OOGIE BOOGIE

Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust. Oh, I'm feeling weak...with hunger.

One more roll of the dice oughta do it. Haha [rolls dice]

What! Snake eyes. [bang on table]

Eleven! Haha looks like I won the jackpot!

Bye bye doll face and sandman.

Ha, ha, ha

[about to dump Sally & Sandy Claus into the lava]

What the...

JACK

Hello Oogie

OOGIE BOOGIE

Jack, but they said you were dead. You must be double dead.

Well come on bone man.

ZERO

bark bark

OOGIE BOOGIE

oooo ooo ooo. Pull an arm. ha ha

SALLY

Jack look out!

OOGIE BOOGIE

So long, Jack. haha

JACK

How dare you treat my friends so shamefully.

[Jack pulls the thread that came loose that held Oogie together]

OOGIE BOOGIE

Now look what you've done. My bugs, my bugs, my bugs, bye bye bye

JACK

Forgive me Mr. claws, I'm afraid I've made a terrible mess of your holiday.

SANDY CLAWS

Bumpy sleigh ride, Jack? The next time you get the urge to take over someone else's holiday, I'd listen to her! She's the only one who makes any sense around this insane asylum!
Skeletons....

JACK

I hope there's still time--

SANDY CLAWS

To fix Xmas? Of course there is, I'm Santa Claus!

[and laying a finger aside of his nose, up Oogie's chimney he rose]

SALLY

He'll fix things Jack. He knows what to do.

JACK

How did you get down here Sally?

SALLY

Oh, I was trying to, well, I wanted to, to --

JACK

to help me

SALLY

I couldn't just let you just...

JACK

Sally, I can't believe I never realized...that you...

MAYOR

Jack, Jack!

BARREL

Here he is!

LOCK

Alive!

SHOCK

Just like we said.

MAYOR

Grab a hold my boy!

JACK & SALLY

whoa!

NEWSCASTER

Good news, folks. Santa Claus, the one and only has finally been spotted. Old Saint Nick appears to be traveling at supersonic speed. He's setting things right, bringing joy and cheer wherever he goes. Yes folks, Kris Kringle has pulled it out of the bag and delivered Xmas to excited children all over the world!

Finale

Performed by Danny Elfman, Catherine O'Hara, and the Citizens of Halloween

CHORUS

Ia, la, la, (etc.)
Jack's OK, and he's back, OK

CHILD CORPSE AND CHORUS

He's all right

MAYOR AND CHORUS

Let's shout, make a fuss
Scream it out, wheee

CHORUS

Jack is back now, everyone sing
In our town of Halloween

JACK

It's great to be home!

SANDY CLAWS

Hohohohoho
Happy Halloween!

[Sandy Claws brings snow to Halloween]

JACK

Merry Xmas!

CHILD CORPSE

What's this?

CYCLOPS

What's this?

HARLEQUIN DEMON

I haven't got a clue

MR. HYDE

What's this?

CLOWN

Why it's completely new

OFF-SCREEN VOICE

What's this?

WOLFMAN

Must be a Christmas thing

OFF-SCREEN VOICE

What's this?

MAYOR

It's really very strange

CHORUS

This is Halloween
Halloween! Halloween! Halloween!

What's this?
What's this?
(Repeat)

DR. FINKELSTEIN

Careful, my precious jewel!

[Dr. F. with his new wife!]

JACK

My dearest friend, if you don't mind
I'd like to join you by your side
Where we can gaze into the stars

JACK AND SALLY

And sit together, now and forever
For it is plain as anyone can see
We're simply meant to be

[at the end of FINALE, Zero zooms off into the heavens]

THE END!