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GRANT: From the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee...the country music capital of the world...here's the 950th broadcast of your Grand Ole Opry.....starring tonight... **MARTY ROBBINS !!**

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: "JINGLE BELLS".....MARTY ROBBINS

(APPLAUSE)

8:31:10

ROBBINS: Thank you, folks...we'd like to welcome you to the Grand Ole Opry for our very special Christmastime show...with **Red Brasfield !**

GRANT: ... **Minnie Pearl !**

ROBBINS: ... **Chet Atkins !**

GRANT: ... **Del Wood !**

ROBBINS: ... **The Grand Ole Opry singers and square dancers !**

(GRANT OVER)

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GRANT: ...And Marty's special guest :

ROBBINS: ...Brenda Lee !

(APPLAUSE)

8:31:35
ROBBINS: And if you don't believe we intend to have a little holiday fun tonight...take a look at the first reindeer coming out here right now. Here's Rod Brasfield !

(APPLAUSE & PLAYON)

(ROD BRASFIELD)

(APPLAUSE & PLAYOFF)

8:36:50
ROBBINS: Thank you , Rod. Boy....he'll have a merry Christmas. And here's somebody else who'll have a great Christmas. The entire Grand Ole Opry gang would like to have you help us welcome our favorite little girlfriend.....Brenda Lee !

(APPLAUSE)

ROBBINS: Brenda Lee...you're always welcome at the Opry...and Merry Christmas.

(BRENDA LEE OVER)

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BRENDA: Thank you, Mister Robbins...and a very Merry Christmas to you.

ROBBINS: You know, we're real glad you took time out from making those fine Decca Records you do and from your swing through all the big radio and television shows you've been on lately.

BRENDA: Well...a girl does get tired, you know.

ROBBINS: Got a little holiday gift for the folks?

BRENDA: Sure do. It's a song about "Christy Christmas" and I'd like you to meet him now.

MUSIC: "CHRISTY CHRISTMAS"..... BRENDA LEE

(APPLAUSE)

(MARTY OVER)

8:39:40

ROBBINS: Rod...is this true...what it says in the script? You're gonna sing? ?????????

ROD: That's right, Cecil. Stand back. (SINGS)

"Jingle bells, jingle bells
Soon it's Christmas Day
Have yourself a merry time
By smoking rich P.A."

~~Well...the song's pitiful, but it's a beautiful message, ain't it?~~

ROBBINS: Rod...nothing spreads joy like the national joy smoke, Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco! This Christmas, P.A. comes in a bright, cheery, holiday pound tin.....to put a smile on your face and a smile in your smoke. All thru the holiday season... and all year long, enjoy the natural tobacco taste of Prince Albertenjoy that freshness, that cool smoking, that real, easy-going smoking comfort.

ROD: You makin' men? By ned, P.A. 'll brighten your Christmas, too. Roll your own with good Prince Albert. Y'know... P.A. is crimp cut to roll neat 'n' easy. It won't blow around or dribble out the ends !

ROBBINS: Yessir...pipe smoker or makin' man...have a Merry Christmas and get that extra smoking joy with rich, tasty Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco !! (MUSIC OVER...FIDDLE)

MUSIC: FIDDLE...."SUGAR IN THE GOURD".....FADE FOR:

8:40:45
ROBBINS: Well sir, that's Tommy Jackson goin' away on the ole fiddle with a hoedown called " Sugar in the Gourd" and everybody's gonna dance !

MUSIC: "SUGAR IN THE GOURD".....SQUARE DANCE

(APPLAUSE)

(GUITAR STRUM IN BG)

8:41:35
ROBBINS: A few years ago, our good friend, Ernest Tubb, came out with a Christmas song that caught the fancy of a lotta folks all over America. We'd like to do it for you tonight.....the one called: "Blue Christmas."

MUSIC: "BLUE CHRISTMAS".....MARTY ROBBINS

(APPLAUSE)

8:44:10
ROBBINS: Thank you, folks. Real special for this Grand Ole Opry holiday get-together, Chet Atkins has come up with a fine medley of Christmas songs that we have never really heard played on a guitar. So let's all listen and enjoy "Joy To The World"... "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"...and "Deck The Halls"...as Chet does them for us now. Chet Atkins !!

(APPLAUSE)

(MUSIC OVER....CHET ATKINS)

MUSIC: "MEDLEY".....CHET ATKINS

(APPLAUSE)

8:46:05
ROBBINS: Mighty fine, Chet, thank you. Coming up now...our gal Saturday...and I think she's one person who lives and breathes the Christmas spirit all year long. Here's the happiest thing that ever happened to the Grand Ole Opry : Cousin Minnie Pearl !!

(APPLAUSE & PLAYON)

(MINNIE PEARL)

(APPLAUSE & PLAYOFF)

8:49
ROBBINS: Grant...you're the only fella around the Grand Ole Opry tonight who looks worried. What's the matter?

GRANT: Well, I'm frettin' about all the folks who still haven't finished their Christmas shopping.

ROBBINS: Got a good gift suggestion?

(GRANT OVER)

GRANT: The very best ! For all the pipe smokers and makin' men on your list...give the gift-wrapped pound tin of Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco. Right from the start, you're spreading Christmas joy... because the Christmas tin of P.A. is shining red, bright and cheery. And because the fine Prince Albert Tobacco inside that tin is fresh, cool smcking, naturally tasty. , P, A. is crimp cut to pack firm and even...to burn long and slow and lazy. Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco keeps all the flavor Nature puts in tobacco and then lifts it up even richer and finer and tastier. Look for the Christmas tin of Prince Albert...give a gift of smoking joy and smcking comfort to the Pipe smokers and makin' men on your list !!

MUSIC: TAG WITH JINGLE

(MARTY OVER)

8:50:05

ROBBINS: Now... let's welcome back our guest star... Decca Record's little Brenda Lee !

(APPLAUSE)

ROBBINS: Brenda Lee..... I've been thinking...we've gone this far in the Opry tonight and you still haven't given me a present. No gift this Christmas?

BRENDA: Gee, you men are all alike. Come on down...

(ROBBINS LEANS DOWN...BRENDA LEE GIVES HIM A KISS)

ROBBINS: Well, I wasn't expecting that...but that's the best gift of all. Thank you, short stuff.

BRANDA: You're welcome, curly.

ROBBINS: Sing us a pretty one, will you.

BRENDA: White Christmas?

ROBBINS: Perfect.....

MUSIC: "WHITE CHRISTMAS".....BRENDA LEE

(APPLAUSE)

8:52:55

ROBBINS: Little Brenda Lee...and we're so glad you dropped in to visit tonight. Say...we don't wanna leave out another girlfriend of ours. Let's head for the ole piano and listen to Miss Del Wood and "Here Comes Santa Claus!"

(APPLAUSE)

(MUSIC. OVER.... DEL WOOD)

MUSIC: "HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS".....DEL WOOD

(APPLAUSE)

(ACCORDIAN IN BG)

8:54:40

ROBBINS: There is so much music that belongs to Christmas that it's very hard to pick out the one song that best captures the spirit of the season. Maybe this is it. Maybe this song about the silent night, the holy night is the best way we can humbly and joyously celebrate the birthday of Christ...

MUSIC: "SILENT NIGHT".....MARTY ROBBINS

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: (FOR A CHANGE, SNEAK IN FIDDLE THEME AFTER ROBBINS STARTS HIS CLOSING SPEECH)

8:56:50

ROBBINS: (AFTER APPLAUSE) Thank you. Speaking for all the folks on the Grand Ole Opry...the singers, musicians, dancers, comedians, writers, producers.....everyone.....I'd like to wish all of you a ^{MERRY}~~happy and holy~~ Christmas.

MUSIC: SNEAK IN FIDDLE.....~~"TOM & JERRY"~~ "JINGLE BELLS" entire cast,

(MARTY OVER)

ROBBINS: (WITHOUT INTERRUPTION) We hope you'll come back next week because we'll come callin' for you in the ole buckboard and up in the drivers seat will be _____ and his special guest _____ . Till then, this is Marty Robbins saying thanks for everything and we'll be seeing you next Saturday night at the Grand Ole Opry !!

7:58:15

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