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Dear Miss Kennerley and children of Years 3 &4,

Thank you all so very much for your fabulous letters you sent to me in December of last year, telling me about your performance of 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' which featured songs from Hurry to Bethlehem. I'm sorry that it has taken me this long to reply.

I was delighted to hear how much you enjoyed learning and singing the music from Hurry to Bethlehem! I certainly enjoyed writing it. Like many of you, my favourite songs were 'Mary, You're Gonna Have a Baby' and 'Wise Men From Afar'. In fact, when I first wrote the music, my wife made me play 'Wise Men From Afar' on repeat for many, many weeks!

I hope that your performance in school went well and that you all enjoyed the Christmas break. By the time you're reading this you'll probably be returning from your Easter break and I hope you had a lovely time with your families.

I hear from Miss Kennerley's sister (also Miss Kennerley!) that St Faith's is a very musical school and that there is a lot going on in terms of performances across each year. I know that a number of pupils from your school visited Liverpool Cathedral last year and sang a service of choral evensong. They sounded amazing! Next time your school pays us a visit I will be sure to come and meet you all.

We are currently in the process of composing music for a version of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' (or, 'Scrooge'.) This is due to be completed by early September. I would like to dedicate this entire work to you, Miss Kennerley and all the staff and pupils at St Faith's. You were all so kind in writing to me and it was very much appreciated. In fact, it gave me a huge 'lift' during an extremely busy month.

I will write again when the work is finished to let you know when a copy should arrive with you.

In the meantime, I hope that the summer term is an exciting and rewarding one for you, that you learn lots and continue growing into fabulous young people.

With thanks and best wishes

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