| Regine   | Simone    |
|----------|-----------|
| Anne     | Juliette  |
| Madeline | Dominique |

MADELINE:

Look! There's the Tiger!

REGINE:

Madeline, you must be careful! Tigers are frightening!

ANNE:

Frightening!

MADELINE:

Don't be silly Regine! I can do anything!

ANNE:

Anything!

DOMINIQUE:

I like giraffes. Remember last year there was a giraffe with a

bent neck?

SIMONE:

Look! Monkeys!

JULIETTE:

They are so funny!

REGINE:

They look like you.

(GIRLS laugh)

JULIETTE:

Take that back, Regine!

REGINE:

It was just a joke!

SIMONE:

Settle down, girls.

DOMINIQUE:

Let's see if we can talk to them.

(GIRLS make MONKEY sounds and movements to get a reaction from them. MONKEYS don't react. MADELINE starts to make MONKEY sounds and movement. The MONKEYS all react vocally. The GIRLS laugh.)

| Madeline | Daphne |
|----------|--------|
| Camille  | Kate   |
| Mary     | Regine |

Music under following: Lights fade on Miss Clavel and come up on MADELINE and the GIRLS as they enter to say the following lines:

MADELINE:

Oh, Mama, Papa, Danielle and Lucas! It is so good to be home!

CAMILLE:

Joyeux Noel! The food smells wonderful! Just the way I imagined it would!

MADELINE:

Oui, Papa! I helped Miss Clavel and the girls to get well. They were all sick

except for me!

MARY:

Do you think Santa will be here soon, Grandma? I can hardly wait!

MADELINE:

. . . and then we flew to the Eiffel Tower, and we saw the whole city glowing

with lights...

DAPHNE:

What a big boy my baby brother has become! Come here and give me a big

hug!

MADELINE:

And guess what else? We may have a new pet mouse! If Miss Clavel will

let us, of course...

KATE:

Merry Christmas! What a beautiful tree! (Hiccups) Oh, dear. . .

MADELINE:

He's a magician and a rug merchant. That's how we got these magic

carpets!

REGINE:

Madeline helped us to get well! This will be the best Christmas ever!

MADELINE:

It just wouldn't have felt like Christmas without being with my family.

I love you!

| Regine   | Anne      |
|----------|-----------|
| Isabelle | Dominique |
| Kate     | Camille   |

(All girls are asleep)

**REGINE:** 

Psst! Isabelle! Are you awake?

ISABELLE:

Oui. Are you?

**REGINE:** 

No, I'm talking in my sleep.

ISABELLE:

Really?

REGINE (smiling)

No, Isabelle. I'm just teasing you! -- Is anyone else awake?

KATE:

Moi. (surprised) My cold is gone! I feel better!

ANNE:

Better!

DOMINIQUE:

This is amazing! I'm not sneezing anymore!

CAMILLE:

(waking) Are we having ice cream?

ANNE:

Ice Cream!

**REGINE:** 

Camille, stop thinking about sweets!

CAMILLE:

It doesn't hurt to ask.

(Girls hear a sound in the hallway)

ISABELLE:

Miss Clavel!

KATE:

Get in bed, quick!

DOMINIQUE:

Under the covers!

ANNE:

Covers!

(all girls hide under their covers)

KATE:

Oh, no!

ISABELLE:

What?

KATE:

They're coming.

DOMINIQUE:

What? What's coming?

ANNE:

Who's coming?

KATE:

Here they come! (she starts hiccupping loudly)

ANNE (giggling):

He-he-he!

GIRLS:

Shhhhhhh!

| Madeline | Anne   |
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| Regine   | Mary   |
| Daphne   | Simone |

(All girls are asleep)

MADELINE:

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature

was stirring, not even...

**REGINE:** 

A MOUSE!

MADELINE:

Regine, I was just getting to that part!

**REGINE:** 

No, really, there's a mouse!

**GIRLS**:

Where? Where? A mouse? Let me see! (Etc.)

(REGINE points to mouse.)

DAPHNE:

It's so little!

ANNE:

Little!

MARY:

He looks scared.

SIMONE:

Maybe he's hungry.

DAPHNE:

I hope that we can keep it.

MOUSE:

ACHOO!

SIMONE:

Oh, no! He has a cold too!

MADELINE:

Now, girls. You must go to sleep so that you can get well. If I get a blanket

and some cheese for the mouse, will you promise to go to sleep?

**GIRLS**:

We promise.

MARY:

Will you read to us some more?

ANNE:

Please?

MADELINE:

Oui. (She exits to get a box, blanket and some cheese.)