

TO HOSPITALITY!

Chairperson (Spoken solo)

1 I'd like us to consider our agenda,
'The Census' being item number one.

(Sung)

I fear we have a bit of a dilemma,
Our town is fast becoming overrun.

Dialogue between verses 1 & 2

MARTHA We can't get rid of them, they **have** to be here.

ANNA That's true, so we could choose to make their time here
as pleasant as possible.

RES. 1 We could open up our homes and hearts and make new friends.
You know, practise hospitality. We're good at that here!

RES. 4 Or we could be cold-hearted and continue to treat them like outsiders.

CHAIR. Order! Order!

Residents

2 Our streets and homes will soon be filled with strangers,
Our way of life is threatened while they're here.
You don't need me to point out all the dangers,
The challenges are evidently clear.

CHORUS *But this is Bethlehem and we will welcome them,
No matter where they're from or how they seem.
We'll do the most we can to be the best of friends,
So here's a toast to hospitality,
To hospitality!*

Innkeepers and wives

3 Our visitors are very good for business,
So we'll provide a service with a smile.
There'll be no end of washing extra dishes
And queues to use the loos will go for miles.

CHORUS

All

4 Our town is not the biggest or the greatest,
We haven't got the glamour or the glitz.
We're not the place to come to buy the 'latest',
We'd never host a party for the rich.
You wouldn't put us on your bucket list!

CHORUS x 2

Hey!

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