

## Nativity for the Modern Age

### Act I, Scene I December, 2016.

*Some friends are gathered, talking.*

Person 1: I still can't believe these election results! What is this world coming to?

Person 2: He wants to register all Muslims! And refuse refugees!

Person 3: And kick out many of the people who already live and work here. I'm really concerned for our friends and neighbors.

Person 2: And for our community.

Person 3: Me, too. But what can we do? The election is over....  
*(all sadly shake their heads)*

### Act I, Scene II June, 2017

*Split-stage.*

*Stage Right: a few people gathered, one reading a newspaper, another reading news on a device (phone/tablet)*

Person 1: Oh no! They've really created that registry! I can't imagine how my friends feel. I have to call them and see if they're ok.

Person 2: \*big sigh\* At least they aren't talking about rounding everybody up. Maybe it won't be so bad.

*Stage Left: 2-3 people are being rounded up & taken away by the police.*

*Some on-lookers appear sad, but don't say anything. Some look angry.*

Speaker: That's right! Your parents should have come here LEGALLY! It doesn't matter that you were just a child, and don't remember your home country or language -- you don't belong here!

### Act I, Scene III December 2017

*Joseph & Mary with child, looking sad.*

One of them speaks: We run from a dangerous land, and we have traveled far to get here. But we are strangers in this country, and we are feared. No matter that some would like to be our friends, we are not welcome here. *They turn their backs & crouch down/fade away.*

*Liam steps forward: Does this have to be? Let's rewind (makes that "back in time" noise)*

### Act II, Scene I

*December, 2016.*

*Same as Act I—but ends with one saying, "We have to DO something!"*

### Act II, Scene II

*June, 2017*

*Split-stage. People clustered in all 4 corners of the room*

*Group 1: Holding signs in rally on public street corner*

*Chanting: Love not hate!*

*Group 2: People gathered, talking*

Person 1: I don't agree with this registry idea at all! I'm writing a letter to my representative.

Person 2: I've been calling my senator on the phone every day!

Person 3: If they make Muslims register, we should ALL register, by the thousands. It isn't right to single out one group like that.

*Group 3: Two neighbors talking*

Person 1: Hi neighbor! I saw you noticed my sign. Would you like one for your house, too? *(Offers sign)*

Neighbor: Um, I don't know. I don't know how I feel about all this. I don't want to become a target myself.

Person 1: I know how you feel, and you are definitely not alone. It's just that standing up for each other is so important right now. Would you like to come in for a cup of tea and we can talk about it some more? *(neighbor nods, they go together into the house)*

*Group 4: Friends talking*

Speaker: There are some vulnerable groups right here in our town - and they are organizing right now. We should offer our support to them. *(turns to friends)* Who here speaks Spanish? *(one person raises hand - they head out to meet as allies)*

### Act II, Scene III

*Sign bearer: December 2017*

*Center Stage: Joseph & Mary with child, standing in front of a house.*

One speaks: I am so glad we can stay here safely. I found a job, we have a place to live - and our baby will not grow up under threat of violence. Other speaks: Yes, this community really knows what it means to "love one another".

*(the door to the house opens, they are welcomed in, given warm hugs, etc. smiles all around)*

—Written & performed in December 2016, by the First Day School children of Kennett Friends Meeting