

BILLY. Mary did it, George! She just told a few people you were in trouble, and they scattered all over town collecting money. They didn't ask any questions... just said, 'If George is in trouble, count on me.' You never saw anything like it!

JOSEPH *enters carrying a clothes basket full of money.*
Now he narrates and the others produce voices and vague impressions of the characters as the action begins to fade back into a story.

JOSEPH. And as George Bailey watched, in they came, one by one, with dollars and dimes, whatever they could spare... perhaps a little more... Bert the cop and his wife, Annie...
(As BERT.) Here you are, George, Merry Christmas!

GLORIA. Ed and Tom...

JOSEPH. And Arthur Randall..

GLORIA (as TOM). What is this George? Another run on the bank?

JOSEPH. Mrs Thompson...

GEORGE. Well, hi Mrs Thompson...

~~JOSEPH (as~~ MRS THOMPSON). I got all my neighbours out of bed and they all gave.

GEORGE. Aw, you shouldn't...

GLORIA (as MARTINI). I wouldn't have a roof over my head if it wasn't for you...

GEORGE. Mr Martini! Come in...

MARTINI. I busted the jukebox too!

JOSEPH. It seemed like the whole of Bedford Falls had turned up.

GEORGE. Violet Bick!

VIOLET. I'm not going to go, George. I changed my mind.

GLORIA. And old Mr Gower...