

## **Three wise men follow the quake to Kaikoura.**

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RE = Roading engineer

ES = Earthquake scientist

TC= Tourism consultant

*Two men meet, both travelling in the same direction. One has a high viz vest, the other a hard hat.*

RE: Hi mate, going my way?

ES: Looks like it – I'm an earthquake scientist - got a grant to study the Kererengu fault with Geonet so getting in there to see what's what.

RE: Aha, it'll take a wise man to sort that one out

ES: Why're you here?

RE: I'm a roading engineer, trying to sort State Highway One.

ES: Mmm, Need a...

*(They say together)*

RE & ES: ...wise man to sort that one out!

RE: Yeah, right at Christmas too. Just time for a quick Christmas dinner then back to work.

**Congregation sings the first verse of the carol "Who are these who travel by starlight?"**

*Another man comes up behind them wearing a smart suit*

TC: Hi guys, going my way?

ES: Looks like it, what're you doing here in a suit?

TC: I'm a tourism consultant – we've been contracted to sort out how we can get the Kaikoura tourism show back on the road (so to speak).

RE: So we're all looking for answers for Kaikoura

ES: Yep. Three wise men brought here by a...

TC: ...don't say 'star' – too cheesy even for a tourism ad!

RE: How about a quake?

TC: Something moved the earth anyway

ES: Whose fault do you think that was?

TC & RE: Ha! Ha!

RE: Not all the roads lead to Kaikoura – yet - but we're working on that, bringing tar not myrrh

TC: We're working on the gold – golden tourist dollars.

ES: If we can find how faults work we'll have earthquake commonsense, rather than frankincense.

RE: Always a need for three wise men

TC: Don't let my boss hear you say that – she would be livid!

ES: Or my wife! Same!

RE: Sorry, point taken. Always a need for wise *people* to follow the call!

**Congregation sings the second and last verse of the carol**