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Beyond Christmas

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Also Know as: **And So Goodbye**
and **Beyond Tomorrow**



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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	A. Edward Sutherland
Written by	Screenplay by Adele Comandini (associate producer) Original story by Mildred Cram and Adele Comandini
Produced by	Lee Garmes
Starring	Charles Winninger Richard Carlson Maria Ouspenskaya Jean Parker Helen Vinson C. Aubrey Smith Harry Carey
Cinematography	Lester White, A.S.C.
Edited by	Otto Ludwig
Music by	Frank Tours
Distributed by	RKO Radio Pictures
Release date	May 10, 1940
Running time	84 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

Information

Release **Title:** Beyond Christmas 12th October 2004 (United Kingdom)
by 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment (Colourised Version)

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Origin: United States

Release Date: 10th May 1940

Genres: Drama, Fantasy, Romance

AKA: Known also as: Beyond Tomorrow, And So Goodbye

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Duration: 1h 24 min (84min)

Region Code: 2

Product Code:

Languages: English, Russian

Filming locations: General Service Studios - 1040 N. Las Palmas,
Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, USA(Studio)

Sound mix: Mono

Colour: Black and White – Later release updated colourised version
with original B&W feature within the DVD and deleted scenes

Aspect Ratio: 1.37:1

Storyline – Beyond Christmas

Engineers George Melton and Allan Chadwick work furiously to complete a design on time, even though it is Christmas Eve. Michael O'Brien, the third partner in the firm, arrives with presents for all and kindly lets their employees leave. The three old men then go home to the mansion they share with Madame Tanya, an elderly countess dispossessed by the Russian Revolution, for a dinner with prestigious guests.

When the guests cancel at the last minute, George is convinced it is because of his dark past. To relieve George's black mood, Michael comes up with an idea to obtain new guests for dinner. Each man throws out a wallet containing \$10 and his business card into the street. George's is found by Arlene Terry, who merely gives the money to her driver and discards the wallet. However, the other two are returned by more considerate people: Texas cowboy James Houston and teacher Jean Lawrence. They stay for dinner and soon become good friends with the three men and Madame Tanya. James and Jean also fall in love with each other, delighting the three men.

When the engineers have to travel to another city on business, Madame Tanya begs Michael to take the train rather than fly. He assures her it is perfectly safe, but Madame Tanya's premonition proves tragically correct when their aircraft crashes in a storm, killing all three. When James and Jean come to announce that they are engaged, they receive the bad news. The ghosts of the three men return home, where they are dimly sensed by Madame Tanya.

It turns out that Michael had bequeathed some bonds to the young couple so they could afford to marry. The story is picked up by the press, and as a result, James is invited to be a guest on a radio show. This is the opportunity he has been waiting for to showcase his wonderful singing voice. At the studio, James bumps into Arlene Terry, an established singing star. She wishes him well and is impressed by his performance. She had been wanting to replace her aging partner; she and her manager, Phil Hubert, offer James a starring role in her new show. He accepts.

As James spends time with Arlene rehearsing, he becomes infatuated with her and neglects Jean, much to the distress of the ghosts, who are powerless to do anything. When Arlene's ex-husband bangs on her door, she has James leave by the back door, but not before persuading him to take a three-day break from work with her in the country.

George is summoned to leave the world. Michael begs him to repent before it is too late, but George refuses to be a hypocrite and walks away amid thunder and lightning into the darkness. Soon it is Allan's turn. His son David comes to take him to Heaven to be reunited with his wife. When Michael is called, he refuses to leave James, although a voice tells him each person is summoned only once and that he will be doomed to roam the Earth forever if he turns it down.

When Arlene leaves her apartment to meet James, her ex-husband is waiting. He needs her help to get back on his feet. However, she coldly brushes him off. When Arlene and James drive away, the jealous, estranged husband follows and shoots them when they stop for dinner. James dies on the operating table with his spirit greeted by Michael who then intercedes on his behalf, pleading with a "voice from above", for a second chance for the young man. His wish is granted and James returns to life. Michael is reunited with a now-repentant George, and both are admitted into Heaven... [Wiki](#)

Melton (Harry Carey), Chadwick (C. Aubrey Smith) and O'Brien (Charles Winninger), rich but lonely heads of an engineering firm, invite three strangers to dinner on Christmas Eve. Only two shows up, James (Richard Carlson) and Jean (Jean Parker). They fall in love and become friends with their three benefactors, until the latter are killed in a plane crash and come back to their old home as ghosts. In the coming months, true love encounters some rough spots. Can ghostly O'Brien help the young folks? — Rod Crawford. [Imbd](#)

Cast

Harry Carey as George Melton
C. Aubrey Smith as Allan Chadwick
Charles Winninger as Michael O'Brien
Alex Melesh as Josef (butler)
Maria Ouspenskaya as Madam Tanya
Helen Vinson as Arlene Terry
Rod La Rocque as Phil Hubert
Richard Carlson as James Houston
Jean Parker as Jean Lawrence
J. Anthony Hughes as Officer Johnson
Robert Homans as Sergeant
Virginia McMullen as Secretary
James Bush as Jace Taylor
William Bakewell as David Chadwick

Parents Guide

Certification

Sex & Nudity – None **Violence & Gore** – Mild **Profanity** – None, **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild,
Frightening & Intense Scenes – Mild

Australia PG, Canada PG Ontario, Germany 6, Norway A Amazon Prime self-rating, - United Kingdom A original rating, passed with cuts U tv rating: as Beyond Christmas U 2009, video rating, - United States Approved certificate #6106Passed National Board of Review TV-GTV rating

