

*A Christmas Carol*  
By Charles Dickens  
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Characters

Ebenezer Scrooge	Kevin
Young Scrooge #1	Richy
Young Scrooge #2	John
Young Scrooge #3	Chris
Nephew (Fred)	Daniel
Niece	Angela
Fan	Kate
Jacob Marley	Lou
First Spirit	Angela
Second Spirit	Jisoo
Third Spirit	Chris
Bob Cratchit	Jerry
Mrs. Cratchit	Jenny
Peter Cratchit	Daniel/Chris
Belinda Cratchit	Jinny
Martha Cratchit	Kate
Tiny Tim	Richy
Volunteer	Jinny
Fezziwig	John
Dick Wilkins	Daniel
Delivery boy	Daniel/Lou
Belle	Jenny
Belle's Husband	Lou
Man #1	John
Man #2	Daniel
Woman #1	Angela
Woman #2	Kate
Mrs. Archer	Jinny
Mrs. Dilbur	Jisoo
Joe	Richy
Indigents	Angela, Chris, Daniel, Jenny, Jisoo, John, Kate, Lou, Richy
Belle's children	Daniel, Jerry, Jinny, John, Kate, Richy
Townspeople	Chris, Daniel, Jenny, Jerry, Jinny, Jisoo, John, Kate, Lou

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<u>Angela</u> Indigent 1 <sup>st</sup> Spirit Niece Woman #1	<u>Chris</u> Indigent Young Scrooge #3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Spirit Peter Cratchit Townsperson	<u>Daniel</u> Indigent Nephew (Fred) Dick Wilkins Belle's Child Townsperson Peter Cratchit Delivery Boy
<u>Jenny</u> Indigent Belle Mrs. Cratchit Townsperson	<u>Jerry</u> Bob Cratchit Belle's Child Townsperson	<u>Jinny</u> Assistant Director Volunteer Belle's Child Belinda Cratchit Townsperson Mrs. Archer
<u>Jisoo</u> Assistant Director Indigent 2 <sup>nd</sup> Spirit Townsperson Mrs. Dilbur	<u>John</u> Indigent Young Scrooge #2 Fezziwig Belle's Child Townsperson Man #1	<u>Kate</u> Indigent Fan Belle's Child Martha Cratchit Townsperson Woman #2
<u>Kevin</u> Scrooge	<u>Lou</u> Indigent Jacob Marley Belle's Husband Townsperson Man #2 Delivery boy	<u>Richy</u> Indigent Young Scrooge #1 Belle's Child Tiny Tim Joe

Props

Cloaks for indigents  
Old, dark suits for boys  
Dark, one-piece dresses for girls  
Hooded cloaks for the spirits (white, green, and black)  
One-piece sleeping gown and cap for Scrooge  
Chains for Marley (real ones around ankles, cardboard on body)  
Single crutch for Tiny Tim  
Two large bags for carrying Scrooge's belongings (Dilbur/Archer)  
Bag of coins  
Goblet  
Giant turkey

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**ACT 1, SCENE 1**

*(The scene is in the office of Scrooge and Marley. Ebenezer Scrooge is working at his desk, STAGE LEFT, while his clerk, Bob Cratchit is working at another STAGE RIGHT. Bob Cratchit busily scribbles in a journal, noticeably cold.)*

NEPHEW: *(Walks up to Scrooge from STAGE RIGHT, startles Scrooge.)*  
Merry Christmas, Uncle!

SCROOGE: Bah, humbug!

NEPHEW: It's Christmas, Uncle. You should be happy!

SCROOGE: I don't like Christmas. Why are you happy?  
You have no money.

NEPHEW: But I have a family. Have Christmas dinner with us!

SCROOGE: I don't like families.

NEPHEW: *(Laughs)* Think about it. Okay?

SCROOGE: Bah, humbug!

NEPHEW: *(Exiting STAGE RIGHT)* I'm going now. *(Cheerfully)*  
Merry Christmas!

SCROOGE: *(Annoyed)* Goodbye!

NEPHEW: And a happy new year! *(Exits STAGE RIGHT)*

SCROOGE: Goodbye! *(Volunteer enters from STAGE RIGHT)*

VOLUNTEER: Excuse me. Is this the office of Scrooge and Marley?

SCROOGE: Just Scrooge. Marley is dead. What do you want?

VOLUNTEER: Well, it's Christmas and many people don't have food or clothes. Would you like to help . . . ?

SCROOGE: No!

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- VOLUNTEER: But, Mr. Scrooge, it's Christmas! People will die!
- SCROOGE: That's fine. There are too many people anyway! Get out!  
*(Volunteer begins to exit STAGE RIGHT. Indigents enter:  
From STAGE RIGHT: Kate, Daniel, Jenny, Richy, Chris  
From STAGE LEFT: Angela, Lou, Jisoo, John)*
- (Song: "Mr. Scrooge") (Scrooge yells and scares everyone away.  
Indigents exit as they have come)*
- (Disgusted, Scrooge prepares to go home. He pauses then looks at  
Bob Cratchit, who's still working at his desk.)*
- SCROOGE: *(To Cratchit)* You want to stay home tomorrow,  
don't you?
- CRATCHIT: If it's okay.
- SCROOGE: It is not okay! It's not fair! A day's pay for no work!
- CRATCHIT: It's only once a year.
- SCROOGE: Fine. But come early the next morning!
- CRATCHIT: I will. *(Scrooge walks out STAGE RIGHT and Cratchit follows.)*

**SCENE 2**

*(Starting from STAGE RIGHT, Scrooge walks across STAGE  
FRONT up to his front door, STAGE LEFT, and stops. While he  
searches for his key, the face on the knocker is replaced by the face  
of Jacob Marley. Scrooge is startled. He shakes his head and rubs  
his eyes to take another look to find the knocker returned to normal.)*

- SCROOGE: Humbug. *(Scrooge enters his home, sits in his chair and picks up  
a book. Suddenly, he is interrupted by the sound of chains dragging.  
He quickly lowers his book and cautiously looks around, obviously  
frightened. Seeing that nothing's around, he returns to his book.)*  
Humbug.
- MARLEY: *(Approaching from STAGE LEFT In a ghostly voice)* Ebenezer.  
*(No response)* Ebenezer.

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SCROOGE: *(Scrooge slowly lowers his book and peers over the top of it, hands shaking.)* Wh-wh-who are you?

MARLEY: In life, I was your partner Jacob Marley.

SCROOGE: But why are you here? Why are you in chains?

MARLEY: I only cared for money! Now I wear these chains I have made – these chains of greed!

SCROOGE: But I can't help you.

MARLEY: You can help yourself. You must change your ways.

SCROOGE: Change my ways? How? Why?

MARLEY: Tonight you will meet three ghosts.

SCROOGE: Why?

MARLEY: *(Begins to drift back into the darkness, STAGE LEFT)*  
You still have another chance, Ebenezer. It's not too late.

SCROOGE: What are you talking about?

MARLEY: *(Drifting off stage)* It's not too late!

SCROOGE: Marley! Come back! *(To himself)* Marley.

*(A clock ticks and rings the hour of one. Scrooge is startled and points to STAGE LEFT.)*

SCROOGE: Who is it! Who's there! *(1<sup>st</sup> Spirit appears, STAGE LEFT)*

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: *(Walks toward Scrooge)* I am the Ghost of Christmas Past.

SCROOGE: Why are you here?

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: I have come to show you as you once were. *(pauses while Scrooge tries to understand)* I am here to help you.  
Come with me. *(holds out her hand, which Scrooge takes).*

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**SCENE 3**

*(They walk to STAGE LEFT FRONT, while children are walking back and forth, saying "Merry Christmas" to each other.)*

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: Do you remember this place?

SCROOGE: *(Happily)* Yes, I do. I remember everything.

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: They are shadows. They will not see us.  
They will not hear us.

SCROOGE: Why, these are my friends!  
*(Points)* There's Christopher and Louis and John!

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: But you are not with them.

SCROOGE: *(Sadly)* No, I am not. *(Scrooge begins to sob.)*

*(The two walk into a schoolhouse, STAGE CENTER, and find Young Scrooge #1 sitting next to a pile of books, STAGE RIGHT REAR, completely engrossed in his reading. We hear him reading aloud from Robinson Crusoe, lowering his volume once the others resume their conversation.)*

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: Look at your former self. Your friends wanted to play with you, but you only wanted to read books.

SCROOGE: *(Eagerly picks up one book after another, reading off the titles with pleasure.)* Ah, Ali Baba. *(Looks at what Young Scrooge #1 is reading)* And Robinson Crusoe! I had fun. *(pauses and contemplates)* I wish . . . I wish . . . *(begins to cry)*  
Well, it's too late now.

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: What is the matter?

SCROOGE: Nothing.

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: Let us see another Christmas.

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**SCENE 4**

*(Young Scrooge #1 exits STAGE RIGHT and Young Scrooge #2 sits STAGE CENTER. He is studying. Suddenly, a little girl enters from STAGE RIGHT, running to Young Scrooge #2).*

FAN: I have come to bring you home, dear brother!  
To bring you home, home, home!

Y. SCROOGE #2: Home, little Fan?

FAN: Yes, home! Father is much nicer now. He says that you will be a man and won't stay here anymore.

Y. SCROOGE#2: That's wonderful!

FAN: Now we can have Christmas together!  
We will have the merriest time in the world!

Y. SCROOGE#2: *(Grasping her hands)* You are a good sister, little Fan.

FAN: I will get your things! *(She runs off STAGE LEFT; Young Scrooge #2 follows.)*

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: She had a weak body, but a big heart.

SCROOGE: *(Contemplatively)* Yes.

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: She died young with only one child?

SCROOGE: Yes, *(his voice breaks)* my nephew.

**SCENE 5**

*(Fezziwig enters from STAGE LEFT and sits STAGE CENTER REAR, while Young Scrooge #3 and Dick Wilkins enter from STAGE RIGHT and sit at desks located there.)*

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: *(To Scrooge)* Do you know this place?

SCROOGE: *(Smiling)* Yes, this was my first job!  
Why it's Fezziwig and my good friend Dick!

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FEZZIWIG: Ebenezer! Dick! Come here, boys!

Y. SCROOGE #3: *(Running up to Fezziwig)* Yes, Mr. Fezziwig!  
DICK

FEZZIWIG: No more work tonight, boys! It's Christmas Eve!  
Now clean up before I can say Jack Robinson!

*(Young Scrooge #3 and Dick scramble hurriedly to clean up. They finish within five counts and report at attention back in front of Fezziwig.)*

FEZZIWIG: Good job, Ebenezer! Good job, Dick!  
Now it's time to celebrate. *(Festive music plays outside their office)*. Oh, good! They are coming!  
Merry Christmas, boys!

Y. SCROOGE #3: Merry Christmas, Mr. Fezziwig!  
DICK

*(Young Scrooge #3 sits stage-center, while Dick Wilkins, and Fezziwig exits STAGE LEFT.)*

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: Just a little made you happy. For that you loved him.

SCROOGE: Yes, I miss him very much.

**SCENE 6**

*(Belle enters from STAGE RIGHT and stops next to Young Scrooge #3.)*

SCROOGE: Spirit, what is this?

1<sup>ST</sup> SPIRIT: Just watch.

BELLE: Ebenezer, I wanted to make you happy.  
But now I know that you love another.

Y. SCROOGE #3: Whom do I love more?

BELLE: Gold. All you think about is getting more!

Y. SCROOGE #3: Only with money can we be happy.

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BELLE: We were happy when we were poor.  
You used to be a good man, but now you are someone else.

Y. SCROOGE #3: *(Faces away from her)* So it is over?

BELLE: *(Very angrily and sadly)* Even now, you don't try with me?  
*(After a brief pause, she turns away)* Fine, it is over. *(She turns and walks away STAGE RIGHT, stops right before leaving without turning to face Young Scrooge #3).* Don't worry, Ebenezer.  
You will not be sad a long time.  
You still have your money. *(Belle exits weeping)*

SCROOGE: *(To the 1<sup>st</sup> Spirit)*  
Spirit, no more, please! My heart is breaking!  
*(Young Scrooge #3 exits STAGE RIGHT)*

1<sup>st</sup> SPIRIT: No, there is another shadow.

SCROOGE: No more! No more!

**SCENE 7**

*(Belle stands stage-center, surrounded by her six children. They are very happy and play with each other shouting "Mommy, when's Daddy coming home?")*

B. HUSBAND: *(Enters from stage-left with presents)*  
Hello, Belle! Hello, children! Merry Christmas! *(The children charge their father, covering him with hugs and shouts of "Daddy, I love you," and "Merry Christmas, Daddy!")*

BELLE: Hello, darling!

B. HUSBAND: Belle, guess whom I saw. He was an old friend of yours.

BELLE: I don't know. *(laughs)* Ebenezer Scrooge?

B. HUSBAND: That's right! I saw him at his office. He is working on Christmas Eve. I feel bad for his clerk. He looks so tired.

BELLE: *(Shaking her head and sighing)* Oh, Scrooge. *(The husband sits down to join his wife and they hold hands.)*

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SCROOGE: Spirit, I beg you, no more! *(All but Scrooge, slowly drift away, exiting as they have come, leaving Scrooge to find himself back in bed continuing to repeat "No more.")*

**ACT 2**

*(Scrooge scrambles around the room, pulling back imaginary curtains, looking for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit. He reluctantly steers his gaze at a door STAGE LEFT REAR leading to the next room.)*

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: *(Scrooge walks up to the door) Come in, Ebenezer. (Scrooge jumps and is afraid to approach) Come in, I say! (Scrooge approaches the 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit, but is afraid to look her in the eye.)*  
I am the Ghost of Christmas Present. *(Scrooge looks at the spirit, finding her amazing to behold.)*  
You have never seen one like me before?

SCROOGE: Never.

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: Nor my brothers or sisters?

SCROOGE: How many do you have?

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: One thousand, eight hundred.

SCROOGE: That's a lot of food. Where are we going?

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: Touch my robe. *(The two walk across STAGE FRONT "looking" at townspeople. Scrooge looks annoyed.)*

SCROOGE: Everyone looks happy. Did you do this?

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: Yes. It is my power.

SCROOGE: You give this to everyone?

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: Especially the poor.

SCROOGE: Why the poor?

2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: They need it the most. *(Scrooge nods contemplatively. By this time, they have walked across the FRONT and approach from*

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*STAGE RIGHT and, stopping in front of Bob Cratchit's house*

*STAGE LEFT. Scrooge can see Mrs. Cratchit preparing Christmas dinner with daughter Belinda and son Peter.)*

- SCROOGE: Why, it's Bob Cratchit's house!
- MRS. CRATCHIT: Where is your father, Martha, and your brother Tiny Tim?
- BELINDA: Here's Martha! Wow, what a big goose! *(Martha comes inside and Mrs. Cratchit hugs her.)*
- MRS. CRATCHIT: Why are you so late?
- MARTHA: I was very busy.
- MRS. CRATCHIT: That's okay. You are home now.
- MARTHA: Father and Tiny Tim are coming too!  
Let's play a joke on father. *(Mrs. Cratchit and Martha nod in understanding, and Martha hides behind a table STAGE LEFT. Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim enter from STAGE RIGHT. Bob is carrying a meager-looking goose. Tiny Tim hobbles in, leaning on a crutch.)*
- CRATCHIT: *(Looking surprised)* Where is Martha?
- MRS. CRATCHIT: She is not coming.
- CRATCHIT: Not coming? On Christmas Day?!
- MARTHA: *(Jumping out of her hiding place)* Here I am! *(Everyone laughs joyously)*
- MRS. CRATCHIT: And how was Tiny Tim today?
- CRATCHIT: He was such a good boy. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. *(Cratchit feels sad and fights back tears.)*  
Well, let's have dinner. *(Everyone sits down; his brother and sisters help Tiny Tim to his chair.)*
- BELINDA: What a beautiful dinner, mother!
- MARTHA: Merry Christmas, everyone!

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- PETER: And God bless us!
- TINY TIM: God bless us every one!
- SCROOGE: *(To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit)* Tell me, spirit, will Tiny Tim live?
- 2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: If nothing changes, Tiny Tim will die.
- SCROOGE: No. No, please, spirit. Tell me he will live.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SPIRIT: If he must die, he will die. There are too many people anyway. Didn't you say that? *(Scrooge is shocked.)*
- SCROOGE: I . . . I . . .
- 2<sup>ND</sup> SPIRIT: Do you choose who lives or dies?
- CRATCHIT: *(Raising his glass)*  
Thank you, Mr. Scrooge, for this wonderful dinner!
- MRS. CRATCHIT: *(Angry)* Mr. Scrooge, indeed! I wish he could eat with us. I would give him a knuckle sandwich!
- CRATCHIT: Dear! It's Christmas!
- BELINDA: He is so bad! I'm sure he's very happy with his money! Long live, Mr. Scrooge.
- CRATCHIT: Belinda, Christmas!
- MARTHA: What a nasty, greedy man!
- CRATCHIT: Martha!
- PETER: Ha ha! Long live, Mr. Poop! *(The 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit slowly drifts away STAGE RIGHT)*
- CRATCHIT: *(Surprised)* Peter!
- TINY TIM: *(Tears well up in his eyes. He collapses into tears.)*  
I hate him! He's a bad man! *(The family sulks into a moment of sadness.)*

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SCROOGE: *(Saddened) I didn't know. (Scrooge looks on and doesn't realize that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit has left him.) Spirit? Spirit? (The Cratchit family exits STAGE LEFT)*

**ACT 3, SCENE 1**

*(Scrooge is surprised to find himself alone. He walks despondently to STAGE RIGHT FRONT and runs into a dark and disturbing figure robed in black: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit. The spirit doesn't say a word and moves very little.)*

SCROOGE: You are the spirit of Christmas yet to come? *(The spirit simply stares, slowly nods his head, then points stage left)*

SCROOGE: I want to be a better man. Please, say something! *(Enter Man #1 and #2, stopping STAGE CENTER. When it appears that the spirit will say nothing, Scrooge accepts the situation.) Very well. Lead on! (They walk to STAGE CENTER and find Man #1 and #2 talking.)*

MAN #1: I don't know much, just that he's dead.

MAN #2: How?

MAN #1: I don't know. It should be a cheap funeral.

MAN #2: I don't know anyone who would go.

MAN #1: I will go if there is a free lunch. *(Both men laugh)*

MAN #2: Okay, I will go with you. *(The two men exit STAGE RIGHT.)*

SCROOGE: *(To 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit) Spirit, whom are they talking about? Who died? (Coming from STAGE LEFT are Woman #1 and #2 walking and conversing.)*

WOMAN #1: I heard he is finally dead.

WOMAN #2: Yes, he is.

WOMAN #1: It's cold today. Do you skate?

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WOMAN #2: Sorry, I'm busy today. Talk to you later. *(Exits STAGE LEFT)*

WOMAN #1: Okay, goodbye. *(Exits STAGE RIGHT)*

SCROOGE: Spirit, why don't they care about the dead man?

*(The 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit and Scrooge walk across STAGE FRONT and around to STAGE LEFT and see Joe, the junk dealer, Mrs. Archer, and Mrs. Dilbur sitting STAGE CENTER. The two women are each carrying bundles.)*

JOE: *(To Mrs. Archer)* Ah, so you've been to his home too? What did you take?

MRS. ARCHER: *(Handing over her plunder to Joe)* Here you go, Joe. He won't miss 'em.

JOE: *(Assessing the value and handing her some coins)* Here you are. And not a penny more.

MRS. ARCHER: What a sad way to die. It isn't natural.

MRS. DILBUR: If he were a good man, he could have someone look after him instead of dying alone.

JOE: And what do you have for me, Mrs. Dilbur?

MRS. DILBUR: *(Handing over her bundle)* Here you are.

JOE: *(Smiling, but surprised)* What? Curtains? You took these while he was lying there dead?

MRS. DILBUR: I was born to make money! *(Everyone bursts out laughing. They exit STAGE RIGHT)*

SCROOGE: *(Walking STAGE RIGHT with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit)* Spirit, now I understand. If I don't change, this will happen to me? I will die and no one will care? *(The spirit slowly nods once. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit points STAGE LEFT where sits huddled Mrs. Cratchit, Belinda, and Martha. They are clearly worried with sad looks on their faces. From STAGE RIGHT, Bob Cratchit walks in holding a crutch to his chest.)*

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- MARTHA: What about Tiny Tim?
- CRATCHIT: *(With a grave face)* He's happy now. *(Everyone begins to sob. Cratchit slumps down in front of his family. He cries out)*  
Oh, my son!
- SCROOGE: *(To 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit)* Tiny Tim died because of one man? *(The family slinks away STAGE LEFT)*  
Who is the dead man that no one cares for?  
Who let Tiny Tim die? *(The spirit points to Scrooge.)* Me?  
No! No! It can't be. *(He reaches down and clutches the spirit's legs)* I will change. I will change. *(Scrooge continues to say, "I will change." He crumbles onto the floor, at which point the spirit exits STAGE RIGHT. Scrooge then tries to hug the spirit's legs again only to find that he is gone. He looks up with surprise and realizes that he's back in bed and that it's morning.)*

**SCENE 2**

- SCROOGE: I'm back. *(He quickly runs to the window stage right and calls out to the Delivery Boy)* You there!  
What day is it today?
- DELIVERY BOY: It's Christmas, sir!
- SCROOGE: *(Dances around his bedroom shouting with glee)*  
It's Christmas! It's Christmas! I still have time! *(He takes off his pajamas, grabs a bag of money, and runs outside, STAGE LEFT)* Merry Christmas, everyone! *(The volunteer walks toward Scrooge from STAGE RIGHT. To the volunteer)*  
Excuse me. I've changed my mind.  
I would like to help the poor! *(He deposits his bag of money into the volunteer's arms)*
- VOLUNTEER: *(Surprised)* But, Mr. Scrooge, that's so much money!
- SCROOGE: Ha, ha, that's okay! See me next Christmas. *(Starts to walk away, then quickly turns around)*  
See me next month!
- VOLUNTEER: Oh, thank you, Mr. Scrooge. Merry Christmas! *(Exits STAGE LEFT)*

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*(Scrooge's nephew Fred and his wife are walking from STAGE RIGHT)*

SCROOGE: Nephew, er, Fred! If you would still have me, I would love to have dinner with you. *(To his niece)* Can you forgive a stupid old man for never visiting?

NIECE: *(Hugs Scrooge)* Of course, Uncle.  
We would love to have you for dinner.

NEPHEW: Why I believe Christmas has finally touched my uncle!  
*(Scrooge, Fred, and his wife laugh)*

SCROOGE: It's true! I'm a new man. See you tonight! *(Nephew and niece exit STAGE RIGHT)*

*(Scrooge trots over to Bob Cratchit's home STAGE LEFT, accompanied by the Delivery boy, who is carrying a large turkey. Scrooge giggles with delight then straightens out his face. Inside, the Cratchit are about to have Christmas dinner. Scrooge knocks on the door.)*

CRATCHIT: Now who could that be? *(Walks over to open the door. He is shocked to see Scrooge)* Mr. Scrooge? But why . . . ?

SCROOGE: *(In a cold, mean voice)* Hello, Cratchit.  
You know that times are hard.  
I have been thinking about whether I still need you.

CRATCHIT: *(Suddenly very worried)* Need me, sir?

SCROOGE: Yes. I have decided to *(he stops to look at the meager dinner prepared on the table)*  
Cratchit, you call this a Christmas dinner?

MRS. CRATCHIT: *(Angry and stomping toward Scrooge)*  
Now you just wait one minute!

CRATCHIT: *(Holding back his wife)* Please, dear.  
Mr. Scrooge, we do our best.

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- SCROOGE: *(Pretending to ignore Mrs. Cratchit.)*  
It is not good enough! As I was saying, I have decided to .  
. . . *(everyone anxiously waits for his decision)* raise your salary!
- PETER: Raise his salary?
- MARTHA: Oh, my goodness!
- SCROOGE: Yes! And as for dinner, you need help. *(Calling out to the door)* Bring it in! *(The boy brings in a large turkey and sets it on the table. Everyone gasps in astonishment.)*
- BELINDA: Oh, have you ever seen such a beautiful bird?
- SCROOGE: *(Walking over to Tiny Tim)* And I will help with Tiny Tim.  
*(The family replies gleefully.)*
- CRATCHITT: I don't know how to thank you, Mr. Scrooge.
- SCROOGE: Don't call me that! Call me partner. *(Extends his hand to shake.)*
- ALL: *(Excitedly)* Partner?
- TINY TIM: *(Hobbles over to Scrooge)*  
God bless you, Uncle Ebenezer.
- SCROOGE: *(Delightedly)* Uncle? God bless you, Tiny Tim. Merry Christmas, everyone!
- ALL: Merry Christmas!
- (Song: "A Changed Man")**