

Boys 15 & under: (one or more of the following)

Scrooge Hallo there! You, boy! What's today?

Boy Eh?

Scrooge What's today, my fine fellow?

Boy Today? Why, it's Christmas Day.

Scrooge Christmas Day! I haven't missed it. Hallo, my fine fellow! Merry Christmas!

Boy Merry Christmas.

Scrooge Do you know the poulterers, in the next street but one, at the corner?

Boy I should hope I did.

Scrooge Do you know whether they've sold the prize Turkey that was hanging up there? Not the little prize Turkey, the big one?

Boy What, the one as big as me?

Scrooge Yes, my friend!

Boy It's hanging there now.

Scrooge Is it? Go and buy it!

Boy Buy a turkey? No sir!

Scrooge Go and buy it, and tell 'em to bring it here. Come back with the man, and I'll give you a shilling.

Boy A shilling?!

Scrooge Come back with him in less than five minutes, and I'll give you half a crown!

Boy Blimey! (*runs off*)

Boys 10 & under: (one or more of the following)

Belinda The plum pudding was singing in the copper!

Tiny Tim Such a goose!

Belinda Such a goose! The magistrate himself never had a finer one!

Bob Cratchit A merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us!

Belinda God Bless us!

Tiny Tim God bless us, every one!

Child 1 We do forfeits and sometimes tug-o-war.

Child 2 What games will you have, Ebenezer?

Child 1 Just leave him there... He stays here right through.

Child 2 I hope you have a Merry Christmas Ebenezer.

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Girls 18 & under: (one or more of the following)

Belinda There's such a goose, Martha!

Martha I smelled it in the lane since the Baker's and knew it for our own!

Mrs. Crat. Why, bless your heart alive, my dear, how late you are!

Martha We'd a great deal of work to finish up last night, and had to clear away this morning.

Mrs. Crat. Well, never mind so long as you are come. Sit down before the fire and warm yourself!

(Bob Cratchit can be heard approaching with Tiny Tim, singing "God Rest Ye..." as he walks)

Martha There's father coming!

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Past Ebenezer!

Scrooge Are you the Spirit whose coming was foretold to me?

Past I am!

Scrooge Who, and what are you?

Past I am the Ghost of Christmas Past.

Scrooge Long Past?

Past No. Your past.

Scrooge But what business conveys you here, Spirit?

Past Your welfare!

Scrooge I wonder but that a night of unbroken rest might be more conducive to that end.

Past Your reclamation, then. Take heed! Rise! And walk with me!

(Scrooge touches the Spirit's hand, and we are in another place.)

Scrooge Good Heaven! I was bred in this place. I was a boy here! This is the very road that led to old Master Digby's schoolhouse!

Past You recollect the way?

Scrooge Recollect it? Every gate, and post, and tree! I could walk it blindfolded.

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Belinda Come, Peter, and help me lay the cloth. I can already smell the goose! And listen to the potatoes bubbling up!

Mrs. Crat. What has ever got your precious father, then? And Martha wasn't this late last Christmas Day by half an hour!

Belinda Here's Martha, mother. There's such a goose, Martha!

Mrs. Crat. Why, bless your heart alive, my dear, how late you are!

Belinda (*hearing father approaching*) There's father coming! Hide, Martha, hide!

Fan Ebenezer? Ebenezer? Ebby!

Scrooge Little Fan?

Fan I have come to bring you home, dear brother!

Scrooge Home?

Fan Yes! Home, for good and all. Father is so much kinder than he used to be that home's like heaven! He spoke so gently to me one dear night when I was going to bed that I was not afraid to ask him if you might come home; and he said yes! You're to be a man, and need never come back here.

Scrooge Never?

Fan Hurry, get your things. The coachman is waiting!

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Scrooge Spirit! Show me no more! Conduct me home. Why do you delight to torture me?

Past These are shadows of things that have been. That they are what they are, do not blame me!