

Present Ebenezer Scrooooooge!

Scrooge *(In a faltering tone)* Spirit!

Present I am the Ghost of Christmas Present. You have never seen the like of me before?

Scrooge Never.

Present Have you never walked forth with my elder brothers born in these later years?
(indicating the others around him)

Scrooge I don't think I have. I am afraid I have not. Have you many brothers, Spirit?

Present More than eighteen hundred.

Scrooge A tremendous family to provide for.

(The revelers laugh; Present laughs with them)

Present Drink of this, Scrooge. *(A reveler hands scrooge a huge wine goblet; Present waves his staff above the goblet.)*

Scrooge What is it? Eggnog? *(drinks)*

Present I call it the milk of human kindness.

Scrooge Spirit, conduct me where you will. I went forth last night on compulsion, and I learned a lesson which is working now. Tonight, if you have aught to teach me, let me profit by it.

Present Touch my robe! *(Scrooge does so)*