

SCROOGE

*(Screams)*  
AAHHHH ... !

**SCENE 12.**  
**SCROOGE'S BEDROOM. CHRISTMAS MORNING.**

*(SCROOGE wakes up on the floor, disoriented and unsure where he is. At his front door he hears the small street urchin, JONATHON, who knocks and begins to sing. SCROOGE runs to the door.)*

JONATHON

HEAR THE BELLS ALL OVER LONDON TOWN.  
HOW JOYOUSLY THEY RING.  
SEE THE LAMPS AGLOW IN LONDON TOWN  
AND HEAR EACH CAROLER SING.

SCROOGE

*(interrupts him)*  
Boy, what day is this?

JONATHON

*(nervous at seeing SCROOGE.)*  
Why, it's Christmas Day, sir!

SCROOGE

Why it's Christmas Day, sir! Then I haven't missed it! The Spirits have done it all in one night! They can do anything they like! Of course they can! Of course they can!

*(SCROOGE babbles and dances, delirious with joy. JONATHON watches him cautiously—the man is clearly mad!)*

I will live in the past, present and the future. The Spirits of all three will strive within me. Oh, Jacob Marley, heaven and Christmas time be praised for this! I don't know what to do! I am as light as a feather. I am as happy as an angel. I am as merry as a schoolboy. I am as giddy as a drunken man. Boy, do you know the poulterers?

JONATHON

I should hope I did!

SCROOGE

An intelligent boy! A remarkable boy! Do you know whether they've sold the prize turkey?

JONATHON

Wot? The one as big as me?

SCROOGE

What a delightful boy! It's a pleasure to talk to you! Yes, the one as big as you!

JONATHON

It's hanging there still!

SCROOGE

How much is it?

JONATHON

Wot?

SCROOGE

How much is it?

JONATHON

About a sovereign, sir.

*(SCROOGE runs and fetches his money box.)*

SCROOGE

How much?!! Well, here are two sovereigns. Go buy it for me ... And ... and ... k ... k ... k ... k ...

*(This is very hard for him to say.)*

Keep the change!

JONATHON

Wot?

SCROOGE

And ... Merry Christmas!

JONATHON

Wot? Wot! Blimey!

*(MRS. MOPS comes in with some Christmas fare as JONATHON leaves.)*

MRS. MOPS

*(still indignant)*

I brought you your slice o' turkey and your bit o' pudding.