

Key moments per stave

Stave 1: Marley's Ghost

- Scrooge is described as isolated and miserable
- Bob Cratchit is introduced as Scrooge's clerk; he is treated poorly
- Fred, Scrooge's nephew, arrives to invite Scrooge for Christmas dinner
- Two portly gentlemen ask Scrooge for a donation for the poor at Christmas
- Marley's ghost visits Scrooge to warn him about his cruel and mean behaviour, encouraging him to learn from the next three ghosts

Stave 2: The Ghost of Christmas Past

- The ghost arrives, and is a mix of an old and young person, with a jet of light shining from it.
- Scrooge goes back in time and sees himself as a school boy at boarding school, making up imaginary friends.
- Scrooge's sister excitedly comes to bring him home for Christmas, saying their father has changed.
- Scrooge sees his old boss Fezziwig celebrating Christmas by throwing a party, inviting all his family and those poorest in society
- Scrooge sees his ex-fiance Belle, who left him because of his obsession with money. He sees her happy with her new, large family.

Stave 3: The Ghost of Christmas Present

- The ghost arrives, very jolly and surrounded by food, drinks and symbols of Christmas to symbolise the generosity of the season.
- Scrooge sees the Cratchit family's Christmas dinner which, though very small, is a happy occasion full of love
- Scrooge sees miners and sailors, away from their families and working through Christmas, full of Christmas cheer.
- Scrooge visits Fred's house where they are playing games and joking about Scrooge's miserliness
- The ghost reveals two children named Ignorance and Want. They highlight the plight of the poorest, particularly children who society is ignorant towards.

Stave 4: The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

- The ghost arrives, a huge, dark, silent figure with no visible face. It directs Scrooge just by pointing.
- Some businessmen discuss a man's death and how they expect the funeral to be cheap. They will attend in the hope of free food.
- Scrooge visits a pawn shop, where a woman called Mrs Dilber is trying to sell the items she has stolen from the dead man's room, including his clothes and bed curtains.
- Scrooge sees a man's dead body, all under cover, and can't bring himself to lift the cover to see its face.
- A couple in debt to someone are delighted to hear he has died. They are visibly relieved.
- Tiny Tim dies and his whole family is in mourning.
- Scrooge visits a graveyard, where it's revealed a headstone belongs to him. He is the dead man in the future that no one cares about.

Stave 5: The End of It

- Scrooge has completely transformed into a happy, generous person.
- He buys the biggest turkey he can for the Cratchits' dinner
- He visits Fred's house to ask if he can spend Christmas with them
- Scrooge makes a significant donation to the portly gentlemen that he was rude to in Stave One
- Scrooge becomes a "second father" to Tiny Tim