

## CHARACTERS

**NARRATOR-** Omniscient. Informs the audience of specificities that they must know in order to understand the story as it unfolds. Also lets the audience know of the characterization and actions sometimes of the characters. Humorous. Intelligent. Obviously breaks the 4th wall.

**SCROOGE-** A dynamic character. At first a cold featured and cold hearted miser who loves money more than anything else. He really shut out the world and pushed those away to not be hurt. Symbolizes the greedy elitists of the time who cared little for humanity. Loathes Christmas. Changes to a Christmas loving, kind hearted, philanthropist at the end due to the Ghosts who teach him how to be generous. Turns out to be as good a man London had ever known.

**FRED-** Scrooge's nephew. Ruddy, handsome, sparkling eyes. Embodies the spirit of Christmas. Loves his uncle and continuously tries to uplift his spirits/get close to him. Blessed in laugh.

**BOB CRACHIT-** Scrooge's clerk for his counting-house. Meek, underpaid, and intimidated by Scrooge, yet loyal to him. Impoverished and hardworking. Has a wife and four children one of which is lame. Keeps hope alive for his family. Content with life and generous with words.

**CHARITABLE GENTLEMAN-** Portly. Enters Scrooge's counting house to implore him to donate to charity.

**GHOST OF MARLEY-** Jacob Marley was Scrooge's previous business partner in life. In death he is a specter who brings an important message that Scrooge must abandon his selfish ways or he will be forever shackled with the sins of his greed.

**GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST-** child-like spirit with a tunic but seemingly old with long white hair. A light shines from the top of its head. It changes form consistently for it symbolizes memories/past which change in our mind throughout our lifetime. Transports Scrooge to happier days in his past of his childhood and young adult life for Scrooge to understand how he has changed.

**CHILD SCROOGE-** School boy with hope still in his heart. Loves his sister Fan.

FAN- Child Scrooge's sister. Comes to boarding school to bring child Scrooge home for Christmas. Sweet, kind, with a huge heart. Later dies during childbirth with her son Fred.

FEZZIWIG- A joyous, agile, generous master to young apprentice Scrooge.

YOUNG ADULT SCROOGE- Dynamic character. Full of life and merriment as an apprentice to Fezzwig but then worldly, focused on money which becomes an idol to him replacing his love for Belle.

BELLE- Young Scrooge's fiance. Shown in one scene confessing that his promise to her for marriage is null and void now that finances have replaced her in Scrooge's heart. Seen again 10 years later in a home with her children and husband.

BELLE'S HUSBAND- Who Scrooge could have been. Happy with family life and love

GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT- Clear and kind eyes. Robed in deep green with white fur. Head is holly-wreathed. Cherry voice, unconstrained demeanor, with a joyful air. Grows older as the scene progresses. Symbolizes the happiness and generosity felt at Christmas but that should be present year around.

MRS. CRATCHIT- Bob's wife. Proud and motherly. Poorly dressed gown but brave in ribbons. Beams with pride over the meagor meal prepared for Christmas. Resentful towards Scrooge

PETER CRATCHIT- The Cratchit's first son. Wearing his father's hand-me-down dress shirt a wee bit too big. Very proud to be part of the family. Assists with Tiny Tim. Humble.

BELINDA CRATCHIT- The Cratchit's second daughter. Helpful around the kitchen with her mother. Assists with Tiny Tim.

MARTHA CRATCHIT- The Cratchit's first daughter. Works out of the city but returns home for Christmas to surprise her father. Jovial and Humble. Concerned for her littlest brother.

TINY TIM- Little in stature as his name suggests. Weak in health and mild in demeanor. The Cratchit's second son. Pensive and selfless. A cripple. Symbolizes the hope of the poor/disabled.

FRED'S WIFE (Scrooge's Niece)- Exceedingly pretty. Sunniest pair of eyes. Impatient with Scrooge. Plays the harps.

GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME: Shrouded in deep black garment-nothing visible. Speaks not but points Scrooge in the direction in which they go, showing the shadows of things that yet may happen

ENSEMBLE- Clergyman, Clerk, Undertaker, Chief Mourner, Carolers, Lamp-Lighters, school children from Scrooge's past, Fiddler, Mrs. Fezziwig, Dick Wilkins, Grocers', Merry townspeople of Christmas Day, Party goers at Fred's house, ragged/scowling boy and girl as "Ignorance" and "Want", 3 men on street talking of Scrooge's death, Old Joe, Charwoman, Laundress (Mrs. Dabler), Undertaker's man