

SANDWICH BOARD
COME AND BUY A TICKET TO THE SHOW.

SCROOGE

I don't have time for nonsense.

SANDWICH BOARD
LIFE'LL PASS YOU BY IN JUST A WHILE, SIR,
AND IT MAY BE LATER THAN YOU KNOW!
*(SCROOGE breaks away, only to be confronted by the
LAMPLIGHTER who falls from his ladder.)*

LAMPLIGHTER

Ahh!

HELP A WORKIN' FELLOW REACH THE LIGHT, SIR?

SCROOGE

That's your problem, not mine.

LAMPLIGHTER
OTHERWISE I'M SURE TO GET THE SACK!

SCROOGE

Then it's the workhouse for you, isn't it?

LAMPLIGHTER
OUGHTA TAKE THE TIME FOR DOIN' RIGHT, SIR!

SCROOGE

Good evening.

LAMPLIGHTER
YOU'LL BE SORRY, SIR, WHEN YOU LOOK BACK!
*(SCROOGE hears the loud tap-tapping of a BLIND HAG'S cane.
Suddenly, she's at his side.)*

BLIND OLD HAG
SPARE A COIN FOR SOMEONE WHO IS BLIND, SIR?

SCROOGE

Devil take you, old woman. I have nothing for you.

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BLIND OLD HAG

(Grabbing his arm.)

NONE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO WILL NOT SEE!

SCROOGE

Release my arm. Let go of me, woman!

BLIND OLD HAG

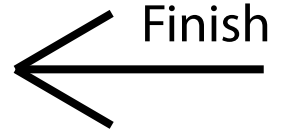
GO YOUR SORRY WAY, AND NEVER MIND, SIR!

COME THE FUTURE, YOU'LL REMEMBER ME!

(SHE calls after him.)

Look to yourself! Look to yourself, before it's too late!

(SCROOGE reels away from her, and turns as a small funeral procession enters. People remove their hats, and SCROOGE does, too. TWO GRIM UNDERTAKERS carry a shabby coffin. A small bunch of wild flowers is its only adornment. MR. SMYTHE and GRACE SMYTHE follow behind. As they pass SCROOGE, little GRACE turns and looks directly at him. Time seems suspended...)

Finish


GRACE SMYTHE

LET THE STARS IN THE SKY

REMINDE US OF MAN'S COMPASSION.

LET US LOVE TILL WE DIE

AND GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE.

(The funeral procession exits, and the street activity resumes, but SCROOGE is shaken.)

ALL

SUCH A MERRY SEASON

DON'TCHA LOVE IT SO?

AIN'T THIS CHRISTMAS CHEERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS DEARIE!

SCROOGE

DAMN THIS SILLY SEASON!

DAMN ALL HUMAN KIND!

MAKES YOU LOSE YOUR REASON!

MAKES YOU LOSE YOUR MIND!

NEXT THING YOU KNOW

I'LL BE DANCING IN SNOW,

THROWING COINS TO THE POOR,

AND THE LAME AND THE BLIND!

WELL, I WISH THAT THE WHOLE WORLD