**Plot Summary: Stave 1**

A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, old Ebenezer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sits in his office on a cold Christmas\_\_\_\_\_. His clerk, Bob\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, shivers because Scrooge refuses to spend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on coals for a fire. Scrooge's nephew, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, pays his uncle a visit and invites him to his annual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ party. Scrooge reacts with bitterness and venom, spitting out an angry "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" in response to his nephew's "Merry Christmas!"

Two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gentlemen also drop by and ask Scrooge to donate some money to their\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He refuses asking them if the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are still open?”, if so the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should go there.

Later that evening, after returning to his dark, cold apartment, Scrooge receives visitation from the ghost of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Marley’s punishment for his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life is his spirit has been condemned to wander the Earth weighted down with heavy chains. Marley hopes to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scrooge from sharing the same fate. Marley informs Scrooge that three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will visit him during each of the next three nights. After the Marley\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Scrooge collapses into a deep\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Plot Summary: Stave 2**

Scrooge meets the Ghost of Christmas Past. It symbolises \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Scrooge must relive his past to reconnect with his former, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ self. First, Scrooge watches himself as a lonely child in school. He cries for himself and the reader feels \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and begins to understand how he came to be so evil.

Scrooge takes the first step on the road to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by regretting not giving money to a child who sung him a Christmas carol. He then watches his sister, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and we learn she dies – Scrooge feels guilty about his nephew, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scrooge watches \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throw a party for his workers. Scrooge begins to enjoy himself and learns that living a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is harmful and that being disconnected from people doesn’t make life better.

Finally, Scrooge watches the break-up of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Belle: he becomes distressed as he is forced to see how a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” has become his obsession (i.e. money). Scrooge sits alone and realises he hasn’t had a friend since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the ghost disappears; Scrooge falls into a deep sleep.

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**Plot Summary: Stave 3**

Scrooge meets the Ghost of Christmas Present. He symbolises \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He sits on a throne of food and wear a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with no sword (which symbolises peace). The ghost shows Scrooge the Christmas of other people: he waves his torch to spread the Christmas Spirit, focusing on poor people as they “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

They visit the Cratchit family, who offer the reader an idealised version of the Christmas for the poor. They wear “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to celebrate the day and work as a team to create their meagre Christmas dinner. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scrooge, despite the fact that he underpays Bob and treats him poorly. Scrooge becomes upset for Tiny Tim when the ghost reveals he will die.

At Fred’s Christmas party, everyone enjoys themselves. The Cratchit family represents the poor and Fred’s party represents the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They make fun of Scrooge and his behaviour. Fred says his wealth is of no use as he “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

The ghost shows Scrooge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: they are personified problems of society. Scrooge is horrified and asked if they can be helped, but the ghost uses his own words to shame him: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” The ghost dies.

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