

SCENE TWELVE

(On the street in front of Scrooge's door. There is singing and dancing as all are celebrating Christmas Day.)

ALL IN HARMONY:
DING! DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH
IN HEAV'N THE BELLS ARE RINGING
DING! DONG! VERILY THE SKY
IS RIV'N WITH ANGEL SINGING
GLORIA,
HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS!

SCROOGE

Golden sunlight! Heavenly sky! Sweet fresh air! Oh, glorious! (The Turkey Boy walks down the street and is stopped by Scrooge.) Hallo! What's today?

TURKEY BOY

Eh?

SCROOGE

What's today, my fine fellow?

TURKEY BOY

Today? Why, Christmas Day.

SCROOGE

It's Christmas Day! I haven't missed it. The Spirits have done it all in one night. They can do anything they like. Of course they can. Hallo, my fine fellow!

TURKEY BOY

Hallo!

SCROOGE

Do you know the Poulterer's, in the next street but one, at the corner?

TURKEY BOY

I should hope I do.

SCROOGE

An intelligent boy! A remarkable boy! Do you know whether they've sold the prize Turkey that was hanging up there? Not the little prize Turkey: the big one?

TURKEY BOY

What, the one as big as me?

SCROOGE

What a delightful boy! It's a pleasure to talk to him. Yes, my buck!

TURKEY BOY

It's hanging there now.

SCROOGE

Is it? Go and buy it.

TURKEY BOY

Walk-er!

SCROOGE

No, no, I am in earnest. Go and buy it, and tell them to bring it here, that I may give them the direction where to take it. Come back with the bird and I'll give you a shilling. Come back in less than five minutes and I'll give you half-a-crown!

TURKEY BOY

Yes, sir! (He exits.)

SCROOGE

I'll send it to Bob Cratchit's. He shan't know who sent it. It's twice the size of Tiny Tim. I shall love it as long as I live! (He looks at his knocker.) What an honest expression it has. It's a wonderful door knocker! (He sees the solicitors who came to his office the day before.)

SCROOGE

Good morning, sirs!

SOLICITOR #1

Mr. Scrooge?

SCROOGE

Yes, that is my name. And I fear it may not be pleasant to you. Allow me to ask your pardon. And will you have the goodness – (he takes their charity pledge book and write a sum in it.) to accept my pledge.

SOLICITOR #1