ACT I PROLOGUE

(Marketpiace preshow with cast (shoppers, vendors) of all types throughout the audience and on the stage. There is a street soundscape as well as carols being sung by the cast – GOOD KING WENCESLAS.

KIDS ONLY UNISON
GOOD KING WENCESLAS LOOKED OUT
ON THE FEAST OF STEPHEN
WHEN THE SNOW LAY ROUND A BOUT,
DEEP AND CRISP AND EVEN.
BRIGHTLY SHONE THE MOON THAT NIGHT
THOUGH THE FROST WAS CRUEL
WHEN A POOR MAN CAME IN SIGHT,
GATH'RING WINTER FUEL

ALL SING IN MELODY IN HIS MASTER'S STEPS HE TROD, WHERE THE SNOW LAY DINTED HEAT WAS IN THE VERY SOD, WHICH THE SAINT HAD PRINTED. THEREFORE, CHRISTIAN MEN BE SURE; WEALTH OR RANK POSSESSING YE WHO NOW WILL BLESS THE POOR, SHALL YOURS ELVES FIND BLESSING.

ALL IN HARMONY
GOOD KING WENCESLAS LOOKED OUT
ON THE FEAST OF STEPHEN
WHEN THE SNOW LAY ROUND A BOUT,
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CHILD #1 (WantFan)

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to-

CHILD #2 (Turkey Boy)

Lyric Theatre's production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL presented by Devon Energy.

CHILD #1 (WantFan)

Please turn off-

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CHILD #2 (Turkey Boy)

All noise making devices.

CHILD #1 (WantFan)

Please unwrap-

CHILD #2 (Turkey Boy)

Your candies.

CHILD #1 (WantFan)

The taking of photographs is-

CHILD #2 (Turkey Boy)

Strictly prohibited.

CHILD #1 (WantFan)

The use of recording devices-

CHILD #2 (Turkey Boy)

Is also strictly forbidden!

CHILD #1 (WantFan)

And now please enjoy A Christmas Carol-

CHILD #2 (Turkey Boy)

A Ghost Story of Christmas-

CHILD #1 (WantFan)

By Charles Dickens!

(Bells toll to start the show. With each bell a part of the theatre goes dark. Wind.)

NARRATOR #1 (Brenda Williams)

Marley was dead: to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. The register of his burial was signed by the clergyman, the clerk, the undertaker, and the chief mourner. Scrooge signed it. And Scrooge's name was good upon anything he chose to put his hand to. (Scrooge signs death cortificate on the coffin.) Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail.

NARRATOR #2 (Mat Govich)

Scrooge knew he was dead? Of course he did. Scrooge and he were partners for I don't know how many years. Scrooge was his sole executor, his sole administrator, his sole friend, and sole mourner. But even that didn't stop Scrooge from being an excellent man of business on the day of Marley's funeral.

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