

**Angel #1:** I am.

**Scrooge:** Then you are the angel whose coming was foretold to me?

**Angel #1:** Yes, Ebenezer.

**Scrooge:** Why are you here?

**Angel #1:** I have come to renew memories, *(pause)* long forgotten.

**Scrooge:** Memories? What kind of Memories?

**Angel #1:** Your past, Ebenezer. Those things you submitted to that have brought darkness to your life. Its time they came to light.

**Scrooge:** I don't want them looked into. What is past is past. Let it lie.

**Angel #1:** Don't be afraid, Ebenezer, for the past is the key to your future. Come, Ebenezer.

**Scrooge:** Must I?

**Angel #1:** Yes. *(gently)* Walk with me! *(Angel #1 raises arm and points to the window).*

**Scrooge:** *(reluctantly, Mr. Scrooge groans)* I am a mortal man and am liable to fall!

**Angel #1:** *Lights dim to black out as the Angel #1 says* You shall not! *(turning to Scrooge and touching his heart)* His touch on your heart shall indeed hold you in more than this.

***Black-out.***

**Angel #1:** *(Angel is on the platform and encourages Scrooge...)* Come Ebenezer, there is much to see!

*Lights come up, center stage. Angel #1 continues to stage right, G4r (just inside the lights)... Scrooge follows. Teacher, young Ebenezer and Belle. Everyone is frozen.*

**Scrooge:** Angel, where are we going? I am but an old man! Not so fast! Why, Angel, that's Belle. *(Scrooge runs to the other side of the angel as if he is hiding.)* Angel, why did you bring me here? What is the purpose of this?

**Angel #1:** Do not be afraid, Ebenezer. *(Angel #1 goes to touch him...Scrooge jerks away so she is unable to touch him. He crosses his arms.)* These are only shadows of the things that have been. *(Angel #1 swings her left arm to the children's scene)* They have no consciousness of us. *(Scrooge releases his arms and turns((taking one step)) to the scene)*

**Scrooge:** I haven't thought of her in years. *(pause, but looking around, almost crying)*

**Angel #1:** Oh, haven't you?

**Scrooge:** *(looking at his young self...)* But, who is she with?

**Angel #1:** Are you that far removed from your past, Ebenezer? *(pause...shaking her head)*