

Scrooge: No angel shall surprise me this time! *(Scrooge gets up and takes his cane, pokes the coat tree)* Take that!!!

Angel #2 appears at the top of the stairs (is in the Scrooges bed). Pin light is on the angel...be sure that the Angel #2 is in position before that pin light comes on.

Angel #2: Ebenezer Scrooge.

Scrooge: Ah! *(jumps)* Where did you come from?

Angel #2: I come from your need, Scrooge!

Scrooge: Angel, am I to see my past again?

Angel #2: No, Scrooge. I have come to redeem your present.

Scrooge: Oh Angel, go and redeem someone younger than I. What are my days to you?

Angel #2: Scrooge, Christmas lives 365 days a year, just as the child born in Bethlehem lives in the hearts of those who love Him. Not just one day of the year but every day of the year. God loves you! Your nephew, Bob Cratchit continues to pray for you. So here I am.

Scrooge: *(Scrooge starts up the stairs...)* Oh, very well! All right, Angel! I went reluctantly before but I learned a lesson which is even now working on my soul. Pray, if you have more I must see, let me profit from it.

Angel #2: Very wise, Scrooge! Since you won't seek God in your own heart, we shall seek out some people who do. Come with me! *(Angel #2 touches Scrooges heart. Lights go out...fog goes off in bedroom)*

Black-out *Heavenly Chimes/Bells play*

Cratchit's home will need to be set.

Pin light, on front center stares. Scrooge and Angel #2 walk into the light. People are walking (in the alter area) briskly by, carrying gifts... being merry – The Smiths and Palmore girl's stopping at center floor to greet one another.

Scrooge: This is my street. I have seen these storefronts countless times before.

Angel #2: Now Scrooge, you have hurried past them a hundred times, but have you never really looked at them?

Scrooge: Of course I have! Have I not eyes?

Angel #2: It would appear so! But they are not spiritual eyes, I assure you!

Scrooge: What spiritual value am I to derive from this scene? *(pointing...)*

Angel #2: Much, Scrooge! Much! For they represent the spirit of giving, *(pause)* which you would do well to learn. *(pointing to the people...lights go up on group at center floor)*

Scrooge: Giving! *(pause)* *(Sarcastically)* Oh no! Much has been done, in the “name of *your* Master”, by these who do not serve Him. They are hypocrites, the lot of them. *(...lights go out on group)*

Angel #2: Listen to me, Scrooge! If I were you, *(pause)* which thankfully I’m not, *(pause)* I wouldn’t judge things beyond your narrow understanding. Believe me, Scrooge; greed has left you deaf and blind to life and those who live it. *(Scrooge turns his face from the Angel, looks down when the Angel says...)* May you not be judged so harshly! *(pause)* Now, let’s move on?