

**Young Belle:** *(handing Ebenezer a small gift)* I just had to give you a Christmas present, Ebenezer. It's not much, but I hope you will like it.

**Young Scrooge:** Belle, you got a present for me? How kind of you! *(Scrooge starts to open it...)*

**Young Belle:** *(stopping Scrooge by touching his arm)* Don't open it now. Do it later, with your family.

**Young Scrooge:** Oh, I will. I will. And I will tell them, all about you and how wonderful you are... and how Jesus helps you love people.

**Young Belle:** Do tell them! I must be going. Father will be here any minute!

**Belle's Father:** Belle! Belle!

**Teacher:** *(teacher walks to just before the stairs...)* Ebenezer, may I see you.  
*(teacher is sad)*

**Young Belle:** Merry Christmas, Ebenezer! *(Belle runs from the room)*

**Young Scrooge:** Merry Christmas, Belle! *(walks over to a bench and seats and looks at his gift)*