

## SYNOPSIS

ACT ONE opens with an exciting overture and opening narration (OVERTURE/MARLEY IS DEAD) and moves quickly to the choir describing the miserly Scrooge. (SCROOGE'S EVIL EYE). We then meet Scrooge at his counting house where he is dismissing his nephew Fred's invitation to dinner (YOU CAN KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS). Now home alone on Christmas Eve Scrooge is haunted by the ghost of his longtime parter, Jacob Marley. (MARLEY'S FACE) Marley warns him that on this night he will be visited by three spirits in the hopes that he may redeem himself. (I WEAR THESE CHAINS)

Scrooge awakens to his first visitor, the Ghost of Christmas Past. (RISE AND WALK WITH ME) They quickly begin their journey as they visit Scrooge's boarding school and see Scrooge as a young boy. (BETTER OFF ALONE) Their next stop is at the office of Scrooge's former employer, Mr. Fezziwig, where young Scrooge served as an apprentice. (DANCE YOUR CHRISTMAS) All caught up in the celebration of Fezziwig's Ball, Scrooge is immediately transported to the night when he broke off the engagement to his first love, Belle. (I WON'T KEEP YOU ANYMORE)

Back in his bed Scrooge wakes up to find his room transformed into a bountiful feast presided over by his second visitor, The Ghost of Christmas Present. (FEAST YOUR EYES) They begin their journey with a walk through the streets on Christmas day where they come upon Scrooge's nephew Fred rejoicing in anticipation of Christmas. The Ghost and Scrooge next come to the humble dwelling of Scrooge's clerk, Bob Cratchit, as he prepares for his Christmas dinner. (THERE NEVER WAS SUCH A CHRISTMAS) As they leave the Cratchit house with Tiny Tim's future in question, the Ghost now shows Scrooge two frightful children, Ignorance and Want and warns him about the Ghost of the Future. (BEWARE)

ACT TWO opens with the ENTR'ACTE followed by the introduction of The Ghost Of Christmas Yet To Come, who is literally played by a solo cello. Scrooge obeys this ominous figure and follows it through town ending at the abandoned body of a dead man. (DEATH DUET Pt. 1) Next they return to the Cratchit house where Tiny Tim has just been buried by his grieving father. (NO TROUBLE) Finally they land in front of a grave on which Scrooge's name is clearly written. (DEATH DUET Pt. 2)

Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning to find he is still alive and has not missed Christmas at all! (I'M ALIVE) Giddy and delighted he enjoys every moment of his new life and ends the day at his nephew Fred's house where he humbly asks to join him for dinner. (PRECIOUS TIME). Back at the office the next morning the transformed Scrooge surprises Cratchit with an offer to raise his salary and assist his struggling family. Bob is overwhelmed and grateful. (GOD BLESS US EVERYONE)

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