

Scrooge (Stave 4) - Cheatsheet

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“Let me see some tenderness connected with a death”	Scrooge is horrified that nobody is sad about his death.
“I am not the man I was. I will not be the man I must have been”	Scrooge vows to learn his lesson and change, to be a better man and a kinder person.

The Most Important Questions

How does Scrooge greet the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come?	Scrooge bends "down upon his knee" before the Ghost. This is significant as Scrooge gets lower every time he meets the Ghosts. This suggests Scrooge is being submissive.
Who seems to benefit from Scrooge's death?	Thieves benefit as they steal from his corpse and home. People Scrooge has wronged also benefit as they are glad he is dead.
What language feature shows that Tiny Tim has died?	The Cratchits talk about Tiny Tim using past tense verbs.
What revelation finally pushes Scrooge to say that he has learnt his lesson?	The revelation that Tiny Tim has died, and that Scrooge could have helped to prevent it, encourages Scrooge to vow to change his ways.

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