

Lottie / Vesta  
(Present) (Scrooge)

~~Scrooge enters.~~

Scene 2

~~CHARLIE. Scrooge had fallen asleep in his chair again. But woke himself up when he heard someone or something call his name.~~

~~Charlie exits as the Ghost of Christmas Present enters.~~

START ↓

GHOST/PRESENT. Ebenezer Scrooge!

SCROOGE. Are you still the Ghost of Christmas Past?

GHOST/PRESENT. Are you kidding? The Ghost of Christmas Past! She's so passé! I'm the up-to-the-minute Ghost of Christmas Present. Get it? My name is Oscar, and I'm simply wild—with an "e." Très chic! Au courrant!

~~LOOK AT ME~~

~~I'M THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT~~

~~WE WILL VISIT BOTH THE RICH MAN AND THE PEASANT~~

~~I'VE COME FROM A HIGHER PLACE~~

~~SO YOUR PAST YOU MAY ERASE~~

~~AND YOUR FELLOW MAN EMBRACE~~

~~(DON'T YOU SIMPLY LOVE THE LACE!)~~

Straight from Paris!

SCROOGE. Straight?

GHOST/PRESENT. Hardly!

~~STILL, I'M THE VERY STYLISH GHOST~~

~~OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT~~

~~AND YOUR SHABBY SOUL'S MY GOAL TO REDESIGN~~

~~IN YOUR HEART I HOPE TO FURNISH~~

~~THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNISH...~~

~~AND HAVE A SPIRIT THAT'S AS GAY AS MINE~~

~~AIN'T I DIVINE?~~

But now, Scrooge, I'm going to take you to a place you've never been before—and I don't mean a good hairdresser. Or dentist. Touch my arm and follow me. Just follow me. Walk this way.

*Scrooge imitates walk of Ghost of Christmas Present.*

SCROOGE. (To audience.) I know that joke's old, but so are you.

~~Ghost of Christmas Present wipes face with handkerchief and makeup shows on it.~~

~~Shroud of Lottie.~~

GHOST/PRESENT. This is the house of your clerk, Bob Crabcake.

SCROOGE. Cratchit!

GHOST/PRESENT. God bless you. ~~I don't believe you've ever been here.~~

↑ END