

PETER SIDES #1 (reads "Young Scrooge")

FAN

(On finishing song) Ebenezer!

YOUNG SCROOGE

Fan!

SCROOGE

Fan!

FAN

I have come to bring you home, dear brother! To bring you home, home, home!

YOUNG SCROOGE

Home, dear Fan?

FAN

Yes! Home for good and all. Home forever and ever. Father is so much kinder than he used to be.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Is it possible?

FAN

He spoke so gently to me one dear night that I was not afraid to ask him once more if you might come home. And he said Yes, you should, and sent me in a coach to bring you. And you are never to come back here, again.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Thank you, Fan. Home...for ever and ever!

FAN

We're to be together all the Christmas long and have the merriest time in all the world!

(YOUNG SCROOGE and FAN off together).

PETER SIDES #2

(It is the CRATCHIT family home. PETER leads the way as he reads from the Holy Bible. The women sit around MRS. CRATCHIT and sew mourning clothes).

PETER *(reading Matthew 18:2)*

“Then Jesus called a little child to him, set him in the midst of them, and said, ‘assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and were drowned in the depth of the sea...”