

A Christmas Carol: Stave 4

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The phantom, a menacing figure clad in a black hooded robe, approaches _____ Proper Noun. Scrooge involuntarily kneels before him and asks if he is the _____ Noun of _____ Proper Noun Yet to Come. The phantom does not answer, and Scrooge squirms in terror. Still reeling from the revelatory experiences with the last two spirits, _____ Proper Noun pleads with the ghost to share his lesson, hopeful that he may avoid the fate of his deceased partner.

The ghost takes Scrooge to a series of strange places: the _____ Proper Noun _____ Proper Noun _____ Proper Noun, where a group of businessmen discuss the death of a _____ Adjective man; a dingy _____ Adjective shop in a London slum, where a group of vagabonds and shady characters sell some personal effects stolen from a dead man; the dinner table of a _____ Adjective family, where a husband and wife express relief at the death of an unforgiving man to whom they owed _____ Noun; and the _____ Proper Noun household, where the family struggles to cope with the death of _____ Adjective _____ Proper Noun. Scrooge begs to know the identity of the dead man, exasperated in his attempts to understand the lesson of the silent ghost. Suddenly, he finds himself in a churchyard where the spirit points him toward a freshly dug _____ Noun. Scrooge approaches the grave and reads the inscription on the headstone: _____ Proper Noun _____ Proper Noun.

Appalled, Scrooge clutches at the spirit and begs him to undo the events of his nightmarish vision. He promises to honor _____ Proper Noun from deep within his heart and to live by the moralizing lessons of _____ Proper Noun,
_____ Noun,

_____^{Proper Noun}_____, and _____^{Proper Noun}_____. The spirit's hand begins to tremble, and, as Scrooge continues to cry out for mercy, the phantom's robe shrinks and collapses. Scrooge, again, finds himself returned to the relative safety of his own bed.