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Ebenezer Scrooge is a cynical old man whose greatest concern is money, and who regards compassion as a luxury he can't afford. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Jacob Marley, his former business partner, who arranges for Scrooge to be visited by three spirits in an attempt to show him the error of his ways—the Ghosts of Christmas' Past, Present, and Future. The spirits force Scrooge to examine the failings of his own life, as well as the bravery and optimism of his loyal but ill-treated employee Bob Crachit. In this adaptation, an ensemble of youth and/or adults portray at least one role each, as well as creating live sound effects to enhance the performance, perfect for a staged-reading and/or radio play.

Cast: Ensemble All Ages

Setting: The action of play is never shown in an exact location, but is described by the sounds and line deliveries of the actors themselves.

Playwright's Note

At the discretion and creative center of each director, cast and crew, I highly recommend setting up a full "sound team" that, during the rehearsal process, will be dedicated to the "how" to create the sound effects, as well as the execution of them. Empowering people to try different things for the best result is empowering and provides a venue for personal expression and creativity. Some roles herein are available to be in the Cast and on the Sound Crew, but if a Producer can find enough people to dedicate to each— go for it!

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A Christmas Carol



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