

Stave 1: Qarlen's Chost

"Every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart."

Christmas is Interesting - Jonathan Coulton

Scrooge had a very small fire, but the clerk's fire was so very much smaller that it looked like one coal.

Ramikaze Economy Christmas
- Jevenny Tisher

"And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

here It Is Christmas - Ob 97s



"Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

The Tee and the Gnow haunt Me Gtill - Brown Bird

Stave 2: The First of the Three Spirits

"The school is not quite deserted," said the Ghost.

"A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still."

The Gardest Day of the Year - Jill Cobule

"Yo ho, my boys!" said Fezziwig. "No more work tonight. Christmas Eve, Dick. Christmas, Ebenezer. Let's have the shutters up," cried old Fezziwig, with a sharp clap of his hands, "before a man can say Jack Robinson."



Christmas is Starting Now
- Big Bas Vossoo Dassy

And when old Fezziwig and Mrs Fezziwig had gone all through the dance; advance and retire, both hands to your partner, bow and curtsey, corkscrew, thread-the-needle, and back again to your place...

Holiday Twist

- Los Straitjackets

"It matters little," she said, softly. "To you, very little. Another idol has displaced me; and if it can cheer and comfort you in time to come, as I would have tried to do, I have no just cause to grieve."

"What Idol has displaced you?" he rejoined.

"A golden one."

Christmas with You
- Victoria Vox

"I told you these were shadows of the things that have been," said the Ghost. "That they are what they are, do not blame me!"

"Remove me!" Scrooge exclaimed, "I cannot bear it!"

J Bate Christmas Parties
- Relient R



Stave 3: The Second of the Three Spirits

In easy state upon this couch, there sat a jolly Giant, glorious to see:, who bore a glowing torch, in shape not unlike Plenty's horn, and held it up, high up, to shed its light on Scrooge, as he came peeping round the door.

"Come in!" exclaimed the Ghost. "Come in, and know me better, man."

Jiny Tree Christmas - Buster

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done; and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and cracked noisily. Then Bob proposed:

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us." Which all the family re-echoed.

"God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.

Je Don't Gave to Change
- John Legens



"He has given us plenty of merriment, I am sure," said Fred, "and it would be ungrateful not to drink his health. Here is a glass of mulled wine ready to our hand at the moment; and I say, "Uncle Scrooge!"

"Well! Uncle Scrooge!" they cried.

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the old man, whatever he is," said Scrooge's nephew. "He wouldn't take it from me, but may he have it, nevertheless. Uncle Scrooge!"

Step Into Christmas - The Duppini Sisters

"This boy is *Ignorance*. This girl is *Want*. Beware them both, and all of their degree, but most of all beware this boy, for on his brow I see that written which is Doom, unless the writing be erased. Deny it!" cried the Spirit, stretching out its hand towards the city.

Do They Know it's Christmas?
- Richard Cheese



Stave 4: The Last of the Spirits

"If he wanted to keep them after he was dead, a wicked old screw," pursued the woman, "why wasn't he natural in his lifetime? If he had been, he'd have had somebody to look after him when he was struck with Death, instead of lying gasping out his last there, alone by himself."



"I have known him walk with — I have known him walk with Tiny Tim upon his shoulder, very fast indeed."

"And so have I," cried Peter, "Often."

"But he was very light to carry," she resumed, intent upon her work, "and his father loved him so, that it was no trouble — no trouble."





"Spirit!" he cried, tight clutching at its robe, "hear me. I am not the man I was. I will not be the man I must have been but for this intercourse. Why show me this, if I am past all hope?"

Give Me a Second Chance for Christmas

- Mike Viola and the Canoy Butchers

Stave 5: The End of It

"I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy. I am as giddy as a drunken man. A merry Christmas to everybody! A happy New Year to all the world! Hallo here! Whoop! Hallo!"

Party hard - Zach Bill

"Why bless my soul!" cried Fred," who's that?"

"It's I. Your uncle Scrooge. I have come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred?"

Christmas is the Jime to Say Love You
-Billy Squier

Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough, in the good old world.

What Christmas Means to Me - Cee Lo Breen



A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens, is such a ubiquitous part of the holidays it seemed a natural theme for our annual Bootleg Christmas. That said, we were faced with the challenge of illustrating Dickens' classic within the context of a compilation CD. Rather than literally retelling the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, we opted to explore the moods and sentiments of the story and its characters through our choice of songs. Follow along with these liner notes as Dickens' own words and the original illustrations by John Leech lead you though the music and its relation to the familar text. We hope you enjoy A Bootleg Humbug, and that you keep Christmas well and throughout the year. And so, as Tiny Tim observed, "God Bless Us, Every One!"



^{*} For those with small children, we strongly recommend you preview tracks 1 and 14.

