

Key quotations

Stave	Key quote	Word to remember	Ideas it links to
1	"tight-fisted hand at the grindstone"		
1	"solitary as an oyster"		
1	"If they would rather die, . . . they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population"		
1	"darkness is cheap and Scrooge liked it"		
1	"mankind was my business"		
1	"I wear the chains I forged in life"		
1	"you may be an undigested bit of beef"		
2	"may you be happy in the life you have chosen"		
2	"why do you delight to torture me?"		
2	"Scrooge could not hide the light"		
3	"I see a crutch without an owner"		
3	"say he will be spared"		
3	"I should like to be able to say a word or two to my clerk just now"		
3	"This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want"		
4	"I am not the man I was"		
4	"Are these the shadows of the things that Will be, or are they shadows of the things that May be only?"		
4	"tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone"		
4	"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year"		
5	"I am about to raise your salary"		
5	"and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father"		
5	"God bless us, every one!"		