

A CBEEBIES CHRISTMAS CAROL

SONGS

1. "EVERYBODY HERE LOVES CHRISTMAS" (INTRO OF SHOW AND SCROOGE)
2. "COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS"
3. "FEZZIWIG JIG"
4. "CHRISTMAS ISN'T CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU" (CRATCHITTS'S HOME)
5. "THINK TWICE"

6. "EBENEZER SCROOGE LOVES CHRISTMAS" (REPRISE OF SONG 1)

LYRICS OF SONGS IN BLUE.

PURPOSE OF SONG IN BOLD AND ITALICS.

PRE-RECORDED LINES IN RED.

1. OPENING: Welcome to the show and introduction of Scrooge

THE ENSEMBLE (LIVE BAND: 'LITTLE BULB') OPEN THE SHOW WITH A SONG.

THE STAGE AND COSTUMES DEPICT A VICTORIAN LONDON STREET IN WINTER. THE BAND MEMBERS ARE DRESSED FOR OUTSIDE. APART FROM DRUMS AND KEYS, THE BAND ALL ENTER AND SING THE FIRST VERSE FROM AND AROUND CENTRE STAGE.

"EVERYBODY HERE LOVES CHRISTMAS" SONG: SAYING 'HELLO', WHAT

Not Christmas.

DURING THIS SCROOGE GOES TO HIS FRONT DOOR, PUTTING HIS MONEY BAGS DOWN AND LOOKING MEANLY AROUND HIM TO MAKE SURE NO-ONE STEALS THEM WHILE HE GETS OUT A HUGE BUNCH OF KEYS TO UNLOCK THE DOOR TO HIS HOUSE. AS THE SONG ENDS AND WHILE SCROOGE WORKS OUT WHICH KEY TO USE, THE DOOR TRUCK BEGINS TO TURN AND THE WORKERS (BOB, CERRIE AND ALEX) ENTER FROM THE VOMS, BRINGING WITH THEM A LARGE TABLE STACKED WITH GOLD COINS AND MONEY BAGS. THEY COUNT THE MONEY WHILE THEY TALK...

GEMMA

Christmas Eve! My favourite time of the year.

BOB

I can't wait to get home to my family - the children will be SO excited!

ALEX

I can't believe Mr Scrooge wanted us to work tomorrow. On Christmas Day!

GEMMA

And with only a candle to keep us warm!
It's freezing in here!

ALEX

THEY PASS THE PIE BETWEEN EACH OTHER AS THE DOOR OPENS AND AS SCROOGE ENTERS ALEX IS THE LAST PERSON HOLDING THE PIE AND HE STUFFS IT WHOLE INTO HIS MOUTH!

SCROOGE

Bah! Have you finished counting all my gold?

ALL

Nearly, Mr Scrooge. There's so much of it Mr Scrooge! *Mumble cough spit mumblepie.*

ALEX SPITS CRUMBS AS HE SPEAKS WHICH MAKES BOB AND CERRIE LAUGH

SCROOGE

(IN RESPONSE TO THE WORKERS)

Bah! Humbug! No time for any of your laughing - back to work the lot of you!

A KNOCK ON THE DOOR AS THE WORKERS PACK UP ALL THE BAGS OF GOLD AND ARE THROWING/PASSING THE BAGS BETWEEN THEM IN A LINE AND INTO THE SAFE...

2. BAR HUMBUG: SCROOGE REFUSES TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS. WE SEE HOW MISERABLE SCROOGE IS DESPITE ALL HIS RICHES

SCROOGE GOES TO THE DOOR

SCROOGE

Better not be carol singers!

HE OPENS THE DOOR, RAISING HIS STICK IN READINESS TO FEND OFF ANY "CHRISTMAS ACTION" THAT MIGHT BE WAITING FOR HIM. IT IS HIS NEPHEW FRED BEARING GIFTS - A SMALL BASKET OF CHRISTMAS VEGETABLES FOR EACH OF THE WORKERS: A BAG OF BRUSSEL SPROUTS/SATSUMAS/CHESTNUTS, WITH A BOW AROUND EACH BASKET.

FRED

Ello! Merry Christmas Uncle!

SCROOGE

(GOING TO THE SAFE TO COUNT THE MONEY IN)

Bah! Humbug!

FRED

(TO AUDIENCE)

Merry Christmas everyone!
And Mr Bob Cratchitt sir! How are you and your fine family?

BOB

(GLANCING IN SCROOGE'S DIRECTION)

Can't complain.

FRED

Dear Bob.

This is for you, and you Alex and you Gemma...
and for you too Uncle Scrooge! Surely it's
time for these good people to go home? It's
very late.

SCROOGE

Bar Humbug.

FRED

But Christmas is all about being with the
people you love, your family and friends.

SCROOGE

Humbug

FRED

You should share some of your gold Uncle.
Have some fun. Throw a big party. It's
Christmas time.

SCROOGE

Fred.

Why are you so merry?
You're poor enough.

FRED

But Uncle
Why so miserable?
You're rich enough.

SCROOGE

Bar humbug!

FRED

Happy Christmas Uncle!

HE PUTS THE PRESENT SOMEWHERE SCROOGE CANNOT IGNORE IT AND EXITS
BUT THEN QUICKLY POKES HIS HEAD AROUND THE DOOR.

FRED

(CHEEKY)

You'll always be welcome at my house!

SCROOGE (ALL LINES IN BOLD)

**Everybody else loves Christmas -
A season that I just can't stand
This golden stuff
Is what I love
Bah Humbug!**

THEY ALL LEAVE, LIGHTS CLOSE DOWN TO LEAVE SCROOGE, ALONE.

3. SCROOGE'S BEDROOM

AS SCROOGE GETS CHANGED BEHIND A CHANGING SCREEN INTO HIS NIGHT GOWN/CAP THE NARRATOR SPEAKS TO THE AUDIENCE.

NARRATOR

You all love Christmas don't you?

AUDIENCE

Yes!

NARRATOR

Do you think we could help Scrooge have fun at Christmas?

AUDIENCE

Yes!

SCROOGE COMES OUT FROM BEHIND THE CHANGING SCREEN AND MAKES FOR HIS BED.

SCROOGE

Shhhhh! I'm getting ready for bed!

SCROOGE GETS INTO BED AND DRAWS THE CURTAINS. SOUNDS OF LOUD SNORING. THE NARRATOR SPEAKS IN HUSHED TONES.

NARRATOR (WHISPER)

Oh dear! I don't think Scrooge is ever going to change! We need some kind of magic...!

THE TREE FU TOM MUSIC STARTS AND SWIRLS APPEAR VIA PROJECTIONS ON THE CURTAINS. STAGE LIGHTING CHANGES FROM THE NORMAL/BEDROOM STATE.

TREE FU TOM

(OUT OF VISION)

Did someone say Magic?! I can help with that!

A FIZZING, MAGICAL SPARKLE WHIZZES AROUND THE CURTAIN, MAGIC PULSING AS IT (TOM) SPEAKS. THEN HE APPEARS, HOVERING ON THE CURTAINS.

TOM

Hello! I'm Tom, a magical sprite,
Together we can help Scrooge change his ways tonight,
bringing three friends who can show him the way
to care and share and enjoy Christmas Day!

He will be visited by three of my friends:
three presents to open before the night ends
But I need help from **you all** to create them ... so
with Big World Magic, let's Tree Fu Go!

TOM SPINS INTO A MAGICAL TRANSITION INTO 'SPELL TIME' - BLUE LIGHTING ON THE STAGE AND AUDIENCE HELP INCLUDE THEM IN THE BLUE BACKGROUND THAT TOM HOVERS/STANDS ON.

NARRATOR

Yes! Up you get everyone!
We need to do a 'Magic Presents' spell.

TREE FU TOM
(IN VISION)

Right, copy me, into your spell pose
Hands out and draw a present box in front of you [drawing top first then the bottom]:
Now cross your arms and hug yourself
Draw a second present box [drawing top first then the bottom]
Put your hands on the middle of your chest
Draw a third present box [drawing top first then the bottom]
Touch your head
Then reach up to the sky
Open your hands: one, two, three
Now clap and say, 'Magic Presents' to send the magic to me
MAGIC PRESENTS!"

WE SEE THE CHILDREN'S MAGIC FLYING TOWARDS TOM WHO CONCENTRATES IT INTO A GLOWING BALL THEN FIRES IT TOWARDS HIS FEET. A STAGE LIGHTING CUE EMPHASISES THE EFFECT OF THE MAGIC AT THE BASE OF THE CURTAIN.

TREE FU TOM
(IN VISION)

Yes! We did it!
Thanks for your help!
Wake up Scrooge; it's time to open your
first present!

TREE FU TOM ANIMATES/FLIES OFF. STAGE LIGHTS RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL/BEDROOM STATE. AUDIENCE SIT!

SCROOGE AWAKES GRUMPILY AND OPENS HIS BED CURTAINS TO SEE A LARGE PRESENT HAS APPEARED. SCROOGE IS VERY SURPRISED. RUBS HIS EYES. BUT THE PRESENT IS STILL THERE.

SCROOGE

(TO AUDIENCE LOOKING AT THE PRESENTS)
Where did they come from? I must be dreaming.
This is very strange, most peculiar.

HE TRIES TO WAKE HIMSELF UP BUT THE PRESENT IS STILL THERE. THE CLOCK STARTS TO CHIME AND THEN STRIKE THE HOUR. 1 O'CLOCK.

MR MAKER
(TO SCROOGE)
Hello. We need your help.

I add the bow.

MR MAKER

And you add it to the Christmas tree.

LINE

And I add it to the Christmas tree

MR MAKER

Perfect!

LINE

What could possibly go wrong?

NOW THAT THEY'VE DONE IT ONCE THE MUSIC STARTS AND THEY REPEAT THE 'FACTORY LINE' OF MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FASTER AND FASTER BUILDING TO A CRESCENDO. SCROOGE RUNS OUT OF SHAPES TO DECORATE BUT THEN FINDS A SACK OF OTHER DECORATIONS UNDER HIS DESK WHICH HE PASSES INDIVIDUALLY DOWN THE ROW. IN THE SPEEDY CONFUSION, LINE STARTS TO DECORATE MR MAKER AS IF HE WERE THE CHRISTMAS TREE. HE'S SO BUSY THAT HE DOESN'T REALISE HE'S DRESSING MR MAKER.

THE ORDER OF THE DRESSING ON MR MAKER:

1. A BIG TRAIN OF TINSEL IS WRAPPED AROUND HIS BODY WHILE HIS BACK IS TURNED TO LINE. HE TURNS ROUND AND FACES LINE.
2. LINE TUCKS ANOTHER DECORATION (LITTLE CRACKER?) IN MR MAKER'S TOP POCKET.
3. MR MAKER STARTS TAPPING LINE ON THE SHOULDER AND WAGS A POINTED FINGER AS IF TO TELL HIM OFF ... BUT LINE JUST HANGS THE NEXT DECORATION ON THE POINTED FINGER!
4. BAUBLES GO ON THE EARS AS EARRINGS.
5. A GIANT GLITTERY STAR IS PUT ON HIS HEAD AS A HAT (WITH HANDY CHIN STRAP!)
- 6.

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST
Time to go!

CERRIE, COOK AND LINE UNWRAP MR MAKER AND PUT THE DECORATIONS ON THE TREE AND EXIT AS FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST TAKES SCROOGE ON THE NEXT STEP OF ADVENTURE.

5. LINK

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST
(LAUGHING)

He did make a very pretty Christmas tree!

SCROOGE

(SCROOGE IS SMILING AND ON THE VERGE OF LAUGHING BUT THEN HE REMEMBERS THAT HE IS IN A BAD MOOD)

It wasn't at all funny.

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST
(TO THE AUDIENCE)

*Boys and girls, was it just me?
I saw Scrooge Smiling, almost with glee?*

He was smiling, wasn't he?

AUDIENCE
Yes!

SCROOGE
Oh. No I wasn't!

AUDIENCE
Oh yes you were!

SCROOGE
OH NO I WASN'T!

AUDIENCE
OH YES YOU WERE!

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST
Isn't it a pain Scrooge?

SCROOGE
What?

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST
Always being in such a bad mood?!

SCROOGE
Humbug!

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST

No time for arguments!
(AS THE FEZZIWIGS ENTER)
*Now we must go there's much more to see,
A great house party, so Christmassy!*

6. FEZZIWIGS' BALL

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST MOTIONS TO SCROOGE TO WATCH WHAT IS ABOUT
TO UNFOLD.

MR FEZZIWIG (PUI) STARTS THE SCENE BY SAYING 'HELLO' TO THE

MRS FEZZIWIG
But are you ready for a Christmas party?

AUDIENCE
(EVEN LOUDER)
Yes.

MRS FEZZIWIG
Alright! Alright! Then let's have the
Fezziwig Jig!

THE AUDIENCE JOINS IN THE DANCE MOVES.

MRS FEZZIWIG (SPOKEN)

MRS FEZZIWIG (SUNG)

Come join in I'll treat you to...

FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST
You must be tired after enjoying yourself so
much.

SCROOGE
HMMMMMMbug. After all that terrible jiggling
and noise I'll never be able to sleep.

SCROOGE FALLS ASLEEP STRAIGHT AWAY AND STARTS TO SNORE LOUDLY.
FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS PAST MOTIONS TO THE AUDIENCE TO STAY QUIET AND
EXITS (IN A PUFF OF SMOKE?!)

7. NARRATOR TRANSITION

NARRATOR
*Time for the next present to help poor Scrooge
He needs to learn to be kind and not rude
He's too mean and moody, always unfair.
Here comes a gift to help him really care.*

CLOCK BEGINS TO CHIME AGAIN. SCROOGE SITS UP IN BED.

SCROOGE
I knew it. It was all a bad dream.
(HE SEES THE NEW PRESENT) I know I can see
another present. But I don't *believe* it is
there. If I shut my eyes. (HE SHUTS HIS
EYES) On the count of two it will disappear.
(BELLS CHIME ONE)
ONE
(BELLS CHIME TWO)
TWO

SCROOGE
(OPENS EYES)
Oh. No.

THE SECOND PRESENT OPENS AND REVEALS KATRINA (NINA AND THE
NEURONS).

SCROOGE
What now?

KATRINA
(TO AUDIENCE) Hello everyone!

SCROOGE
Who are you?

KATRINA
Don't be scared. I'm your friend. We're
going to see how a really *kind* family share
Christmas. You know Bob don't you?

BOB TAKES THE CHILDREN ON TO HIS KNEES AND SMILES/WINKS AT BESS.

BOB

You're the best Christmas presents anyone
could have. Christmas wouldn't be Christmas
without you.

"CHRISTMAS ISN'T CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU" SONG

THE POOR FAMILY SING ABOUT HOW THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH. BUT AS IT'S CHRISTMAS THEY CELEBRATE WHAT THEY DO HAVE, EACH OTHER. THEY PLAY A GAME OF IMAGINING HAVING PLENTY AND THE CHRISTMAS FEAST THAT THERE COULD BE ... THE SONG LIFTS IN ENERGY AS THEY LIST THE FOODS THEY'D LIKE TO HAVE - (EMPTY PLATES OPEN OUT TO REVEAL CONCERTINA PROPS OF FANCIFUL FOOD?) ... BUT THEY COME BACK DOWN TO EARTH AT THE END ... BECAUSE THOSE THINGS ARE JUST FANTASY: THEY DON'T HAVE THOSE THINGS TO EAT. BUT THEY ARE HAPPY BECAUSE THEY ARE WITH EACH OTHER.

LYRICS TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN BOB AND MRS CRATCHITT - SUGGESTIONS:

BOB

Christmas isn't Christmas without you
Christmas isn't Christmas at all

BESS (MRS CRATCHITT)

Christmas isn't Christmas without you
Whether you're big - (or you're small)

BOB

Christmas isn't Christmas without you
It doesn't matter what you may say:

BESS

Christmas isn't Christmas without you

WHOLE FAMILY

But together, it's Christmas every day.

Yes it would be
So lover-ly
To be warm beside the fire
The stockings up
Beneath the tree
And for dinner we might see...

BESS

A turkey roast
That I could boast
Had potatoes, sprouts and peas,

GIRL

Some more for you?

BOY

Some more for me!

BESS

NARRATOR

*What is Scrooge so scared of? What could it be?
Afraid to be stuck? To never be free?
It is hard to change. That is quite true.
But if you say 'sorry' friends will help you.*

10. CHRISTMAS FUTURE

SCROOGE

One. Two. (HE COWERS UNDER THE BEDCLOTHES) Three.

THE CLOCK STRIKES THREE. THERE IS SMOKE, WEIRD LIGHTING AND SLIGHTLY OMINOUS MUSIC. THE FINAL 'FRIEND' APPEARS IN A DRESSING GOWN WITH THE HOOD UP. IT STARTS TO DO A ROBOTIC DANCE. THE DRESSING GOWN FALLS OFF TO REVEAL ROBERT THE ROBOT (JUSTIN'S HOUSE) IN A 'VICTORIANISED' COSTUME.

ROBERT THE ROBOT

Hello Everyone!
Mr Scrooge Sir. Are you there?

HE LOOKS AROUND BUT AS SCROOGE IS HIDING UNDER A SHEET ROBERT DOESN'T SEE HIM.

SCROOGE

No.

ROBERT THE ROBOT

That's funny because I can hear you.

SCROOGE

Go away.

ROBERT THE ROBOT

But I'm here to help you Sir.

SCROOGE

I don't want any more help.

SCROOGE POKES HIS FACE OUT OF THE COVERS AND LOOKS AT ROBERT.

SCROOGE

You're silver!

ROBERT THE ROBOT

SCROOGE

What are you doing Mr Cratchitt?

BOB

Well Mr Scrooge, I was invited to this party with all these people, and we were just having a bit of fun...

SCROOGE GESTURES TO SOME FOOD IN BOB'S HAND

SCROOGE

...and food?

BOB

And food, yes sir. I'm sorry I know you don't agree with folk enjoying Christmas but...

SCROOGE

So you're having food ... and fun ... with other people ... at my party?

BOB

Yes sir. Sorry sir. (PAUSE) I'm sorry. Did you say YOUR party?

SCROOGE

(LAUGHING)

Yes Bob - MY party!

I'm so sorry Bob, I'm so sorry to all of you for that little trick. But I promise I didn't mean to upset you. I couldn't resist seeing the look on your faces. You see. I want you to see Bob. I've changed. Mrs Cratchitt I've changed.

MRS CRATCHITT

You do look different. What could it be?

SCROOGE

This?

SCROOGE POINTS TO A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE.

MRS CRATCHITT

Yes. That does make a big difference!

SCROOGE

Where are your children? I've got a present for them especially.

THEY ARE HIDING BEHIND THEIR MOTHER'S SKIRT. SCROOGE GIVES THEM EACH A GIFT.

BOB

What do you say?

CRATCHITT CHILDREN

Thank you Mr Scrooge. Happy Christmas. Happy
Christmas everyone!

ENSEMBLE CHEER.

THE SONG ERUPTS INTO THE WHOLE CAST SING-ALONG TO END THE SHOW.