

Marley

THEME	Stave	QUOTES	ANALYSIS
Selfishness/ Materialism	1	<u>"The chain he drew was clasped about his middle"</u>	As it was "clasped about his middle" it shows entire being cannot escape this sempiternal torture . Marley is a physical and metaphorical representation for how if making money and materialism main purpose to your life, then it will be the main reason for your eternal suffering.
	1	<u>"I wear the chain I forged in life...I made it link by link"</u>	As chains have are made of links, which are all interconnecting, this is alike to how Marley is warning Scrooge that his infatuation with money and abandonment of compassion for others, is directly connected to his anguish .
Social injustice/ Poverty	1	His chain <u>"was long and wound about him like a tail".</u>	The simile "like a tail" implies that his egoism and selfishness has lead to his animalistic treatment in hell- his disregards for others in his life, has lead to him being disregarded as an animal in his after life. Thus, due to the social injustices he contributed too, he is now having to lead a dehumanising and animal existence in his afterlife.
Supernatural	1	<u>"Scrooge fell upon his knees, and clasped his hands before his face"</u>	Scrooge is horrified through the gothic supernatural presentation of Marley. Marley is portrayed as conforming to the archetype of a ghost , horrifying in appearance and pained in its suffering, to try eliciting a reaction from Scrooge to catalyse a change .
Religion	4	<u>"dragging a heavy chain"</u>	A chain symbolises restriction and entrapment . Through Marley "dragging a heavy chain" , his chain is a conceit (extended metaphor) for the restricting and eternal consequences of being parsimonious . The tiresome verb "dragging" exacerbates that the eternal punishments he is enduring as it appears he has been carrying these punishments for a long time- God has made him subject to this eternal suffering in hell.
Regret/ Redemption	1	<u>"But you were always a good man of business, Jacob," "Mankind was my business".</u>	Marley deeply regrets his decision to be a misanthropic miser. He tries to warn Scrooge, however Scrooge sees his worth as an individual synonymous with his worth and value within business . His ignorant capitalist mindset is shown when he can't understand Marley's suffering.