

# The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

THEME	Stave	QUOTES	ANALYSIS
Selfishness/ Materialism	4	<u>"overrun by grass and weeds"</u>	The ghost shows Scrooge the consequences of selfishness. This is compounded by showing Scrooge <b>irreversibility and permanence</b> of wasting time living a life full of misery. Scrooge's <b>sardonic life</b> has lead to him being neglected in his after life.
	4	<u>"It was a worthy place" (about his grave)</u>	Dickens highlights that the <b>neglection of others in turn will cause your own neglection in your death</b> . Scrooge's decaying and uncared for grave serves as a warning to the reader that neglection is cyclical and will cycle back round to punish you.
Social injustice/ Poverty		Could use any quote from selfishness as Scrooge's contribution to social injustice also meant his grave neglected and abandoned.	
Regret/ Redemption	4	<u>"outstretched hand" and "steady hand was pointed to the head."</u>	His lack of words and enigmatic depiction speeds up Scrooge's redemption. This is because the use of its <b>"hand"</b> repeatedly could be an <b>allusion to the hand of time</b> ; the ghost is warning Scrooge that he is losing time and is edging closer to his <b>ironically "solitary"</b> death- Scrooge longed for a <b>"solitary"</b> existence and now the ghost is <b>solemnly showing</b> him the repercussions of this selfish want.
	4	<u>"The kind hand trembled"</u>	As it is no longer <b>"unmoved"</b> this is suggestive that <b>Scrooge's plead for redemption has altered the unstoppable nature of time</b> . He is now given an opportunity to rectify his wrongdoings and cherish Christmas day again.
	4	<u>"I fear you more than any spectre I have seen."</u>	Scrooge's honesty, due to his dropping of his <b>miserable unphased façade</b> , highlights how he is <b>unlearning how to repress his emotions</b> , instead is being emotionally vulnerable and open.

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Supernatural	4	<u><i>"slowly, gravely, silently approached"</i></u>	The triple ominous adverb shows this <b>menacing ambience filled with dread</b> . This is exacerbated through the archetypal <b>presentation of a menacing ghost</b> - it is a faceless figure that is there to haunt Scrooge.
	4	<u><i>"shrouded in a deep black garment"</i></u>	This is reminiscent of the description of the <b>grim reaper</b> , a <b>symbol of death as he was believed to collect people's souls</b> . The likeness in description is suggestive that Scrooge's <b>chances of redemption have vanished</b> , and he is now going to be mercilessly taken to his hellish death.
	4	<u><i>"solemn dread"</i></u>	This supernatural dread is key in Scrooge's <b>emancipation</b> (freedom) as it allows Scrooge to fear the <b>inevitable future he will face if he continues to be shrouded in his own internal darkness</b> .
	4	<u><i>"Scrooge feared the silent shape so much that his legs trembled beneath him"</i></u>	His <b>utter terror</b> is so powerful it does not just evoke an emotional reaction from Scrooge, but a physical one. The alliteration "draws emphasis on the mysteriousness of the ghost, its <b>faceless figure</b> makes Scrooge lose all composure (this quote could also be used for regret).