***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens

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The play A Christmas Carol was written by Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge was a miserly debt collector who takes money from the poor. Ebenezer changes from being a cold-hearted man in the beginning to being charitable in the end.

In the beginning of Scrooge is cold-hearted. Fred, Scrooge’s nephew, has invited Scrooge to a Christmas Party. Scrooge refuses to go to the party. Scrooge says, “I’ll dine alone, thank you.” This shows that Scrooge is not merry and isn’t social. He also shows how unkind he is to his nephew.

Jacob Marley, Scrooge’s deceased partner, visits Scrooge to warn him that if he doesn’t change his odious ways, then he will be forced to wander the world for all of eternity. The First Spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Past, travels back in time with Scrooge. While back in time, Scrooge sees a younger version of himself reading about Robinson Crusoe and the parrot. Old Scrooge says, “There’s the parrot, green body, and yellow tail… Halla! Hoop! Hallo.” What Scrooge has saw in his past has affected him by being jollier and having an imagination, and realizes how much he has changed. Lastly, we can expect a second spirit coming based on what he predicted what Marley has predicted. Also, Marley predicts that Scrooge would have chains far more worse than of his.

After the First Spirit appears, Scrooge starts to think about how much he has changed. Also, he sorts of gets his imagination back. For example, when he first sees his old self, Scrooge gets a little bit of his imagination back. For the Second Spirit, also known as Christmas Present, Scrooge sees the Cratchit family very poor and malnourished. Seeing this, Scrooge says, “Spirit, tell me if Tiny Tim will live.” This shows that Scrooge is beginning to care for the Cratchit family. The Second Spirit affects Scrooge by showing Scrooge that love is more important than money and greed. We know that the Second Spirit has affected Scrooge because Scrooge is starting to have a heart. Next, from the Third Spirit, or Christmas Future, shows Scrooge that Tiny Tim has died in the future due to Scrooge’s greediness, and Scrooge not paying the Cratchit family enough. A quote from the text is, “Oh no, he died. No.” Said by Scrooge. This proves that the Third Spirit affected Scrooge, by making them more emotional, and having feelings. We also know that Scrooge has been affected by all the three spirits since Scrooge is now more caring, happier, and has a heart. This is how we know Scrooge has been affected.

As a result of all that the spirits showed Scrooge, he changed from an odious man to a charitable one. Jacob Marley had hoped that Scrooge would change to avoid living in unrest in the afterlife. This story provides hope that all people are capable of changing and finding goodness in the world.