

“The Christmas Carol Rag”
by Norman Allen

Costume Plot

Setting: New York – year 1911

Work Room/Scrooge’s office

Agnes – 20’s, Jewish immigrant worker; dress or blouse & skirt; apron

Anne Crachit – age 28, nine months pregnant; dress & apron

Ruthie – 20’s, immigrant worker; dress or blouse & skirt; apron

Bob Crachit – 30’s, shop foreman: shirt, vest, tie, pants, jacket,
outerwear

Mrs. Evelyn Scrooge – 50’s, a hardened business woman – expensive coat & hat
but serviceable, period business suit

Fred – 20’s, Scrooge’s nephew (an actor) – Bohemian looking jacket, scarf,
gloves, period suit, shirt, vest & ties

Sylvia – 20’s, Fred’s beloved (an actress) – Bohemian looking jacket, hat, gloves,
colorful period skirt & blouse

Street urchins – distressed clothing of period

Crachit’s Garrett

Anne Crachit – same as previous, add shawl

Bob Crachit – same as previous, add coat, hat, muffler, fingerless gloves

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Scrooge’s office

Mrs. Scrooge – same (without coat/hat)

Janet Marley – prudish Victorian finery: high collared gown & wide crinoline or cape only over ragged underclothes – the costume is designed to “fly off” and she is dressed only in chains, money bags and cash boxes over a grey toned ragged dress

Ghost of Christmas Past – ageless, a Yiddish-spouting spirit of Christmas dressed in immigrant clothes in layers

Rural Setting/School Room

Two ice skaters – period outerwear and skating costumes

Mrs. Scrooge – same as previous

Ghost of Christmas Past – same as previous

Young Scrooge – school girl dress in warm colors

Fezziwig’s Warehouse – year 1881

Fezziwig – 50’s: festive vest, shirt, cravat, trousers & jacket
later in scene: night shirt & night cap

Family members & Company workers: festive apparel of the period

Tim Fezziwig – 20 yr. old son of Fezziwig: festive jacket, vest, shirt & black trousers (quick change into mourning for next scene)

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Fezziwig’s warehouse – 1881

Young Evelyn Crachit – 20’s, Fezziwig’s apprentice, period dress in warm colors
(Note: quick change in next scene)

Piano player – striped shirt, sleeve garters, suspenders, pants, bowler hat

Mrs. Scrooge – same as previous

Ghost of Christmas Past – same as previous

Same warehouse

Tim – quick change into black mourning coat/cravat/vest

Young Evelyn – quick change into mourning jacket/skirt

Mrs. Scrooge – same as previous

Ghost of Christmas Past – same as previous

Church – year 1911

Two choir boys – (each) choir robe w/white surplice

Ghost of Christmas Present – large hat and stylish period suite (colorful)

Mrs. Scrooge – same as previous

Pianist – repeat previous

Choir – choir robes

Fred’s apartment/Xmas Day – year 1911

Mrs. Scrooge – same as previous

Ghost of Christmas Present – same as previous

Fred – repeat first costume

Sylvia – repeat first costume

Gladys – 60’s, former Grande dame of theatre – avant garde attire
w/old (boa or fur), large hat, jewelry

Edie – 20’s, struggling playwright – shirtwaist, vest, skirt
“mannish” looking

Bobby – 50’s, struggling actor – Bohemian actor garb of period, outerwear

Crachit’s Garrett

Mrs. Scrooge – same

Ghost of Christmas Present – same

Bob Crachit – repeat same costume with outerwear

Graveyard – 1921

Mrs. Scrooge – same

Ghost of Christmas Future – hooded robe (opens in front), underdressed
as Janet Marley

Agnes – rich 1920’s clothing and outerwear

Rubie – rich 1920’s clothing and outerwear (quick change into next scene)

Graveyard – 1921 (cont'd.)

Bob Crachit – change of costume to one in shabby condition w/outerwear

Anne Crachit – flowing white nightgown

Scrooge's office – 1911

Mrs. Scrooge – same

Ruthie – same a first scene with outerwear

Fred's apartment

Fred – same as previous

Sylvia – same as previous

Gladys – same as previous

Bobby – same as previous

Crachit's Garrett

Anne – nightgown & robe (new from Scrooge)

Bob – same as first scene costume

Agnes – same as first scene with outerwear

Mrs. Scrooge – add coat & hat for finale (add color)