

Excerpt from A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens! Adapted by James Hutchison

FAN

Oh, dear brother.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Fan?

FAN

Yes, dear brother.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Oh, my word it is Fan...oh dear Fan how good it is to see you. I have missed you so. Why, Fan, what a surprise. I am so very happy to see you. Pray, what has brought you here?

FAN

I have come to bring you home, dear brother!

YOUNG SCROOGE

Home, little Fan?

FAN

Yes! Home, for good and all. Home, forever and ever.

YOUNG SCROOGE

But how?

FAN

Father has changed.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Has he indeed. Well, I'll believe that when I see it.

FAN

But he has. He has become so much kinder than he used to be, that home's like Heaven.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Is it? Well that is a blessing.

FAN

Last night, Father spoke so kindly and gently to me when I was going to bed, that I was not afraid to ask him once more if you might come home and he said, "Yes, you should. You must." And he sent me in a coach to bring you. Can you believe it? Isn't it wonderful? And you're to be a man and are never to come back here, but first we're to be together all the Christmas long, and have the merriest time in all the world.

YOUNG SCROOGE

Ha, ha, you are quite a woman, little Fan!