

Scrooge (Stave 5) - Cheatsheet

3 Key Facts

1. Stave 5 is Scrooge's rebirth and redemption. Scrooge has been a sinful man, has learnt the reasons for and consequences of his actions, and is now a changed man.
2. Scrooge sends a huge turkey to Bob Cratchit's family and gives Bob Cratchit a pay raise to assist his family.
3. Scrooge goes to Fred's house and asks to join in with their Christmas.

Key Quotations

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"That is my name, and I fear it may not be pleasant to you. Allow me to ask your pardon"	After seeing one of the men who had asked him for charity the previous day, Scrooge approaches him and apologises, openly admitting that his actions were not acceptable.
"He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did NOT die, he was a second father"	This quotation shows how Scrooge's changed ways benefit the Cratchits.

The Most Important Questions

What's the weather like in Stave 5?	There is "no fog" outside. This could suggest that the metaphorical fog which had blocked the joy and goodness from Scrooge's life has now been cleared away.
What does Scrooge call the boy in the street?	Scrooge calls him a "fine fellow". This suggests that he sees this stranger as a fellow human being, unlike earlier in the novel.
Why does Scrooge say he is giving Bob Cratchit a pay raise?	Scrooge promises to raise Bob's salary and help to "assist your struggling family".
What changes do we hear Scrooge has made at the end of Stave 5?	"He was a second father" to Tiny Tim, he lives a happy life, he celebrates Christmas and he is a good citizen.

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