

GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT Side 2

Scrooge: "Spirit, tell me if Tiny Tim will live."

Christmas Present: "I see a vacant seat in the poor chimney corner, and a crutch without an owner carefully preserved. If these shadows remain unaltered by the future, the child will die."

Scrooge: "No, no. Oh no, kind Spirit! Say he will be spared."

Christmas Present: "If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, none other of my race will find him here. What then? If he be like to die, he had better do it, and decrease the surplus population. Man, if man you be in heart, forbear what wicked cant until you have discovered what the surplus is, and where it is. Will you decide what men shall live, what men shall die? It may be that in the sight of Heaven you are more worthless and less fit to live than millions like this poor man's child."