

Act 1 Stage 1

Ding Dong is the opening song to Act 1

Actors just come out and sing

Opening Song: **Ding Dong Merrily on High**
Simple synchronized movements

*Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky,
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E'n so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And e... o, e, o, e, o,
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

(INSTRUMENTAL DIALOGUE BREAK)

*Pray you dutifully prime,
Ye matin chime, ye ringers
May you beautifully rhyme,
Ye eve time song, ye singers
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

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In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
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FRED: Merry Christmas everyone!!! Scatter! *(To carolers, who then run away)* If you do not remember that one thing, then nothing else that follows, will seem wondrous! *(Scrooge comes out, Hands him a clipboard.)*

God Rest Ye Song weaves in and out of the scene

SCROOGE: You mean, cheap! You can say it. It's what I asked for. (*Scrooge pays the undertaker, who then attempts to leave without giving Scrooge the change*) At! At! At! (*Undertaken then gives him his due change. Scrooge then looks at the paper he received as a receipt.*) Good-bye, Jacob. (*He then carelessly lets it drop to the ground and walks off.*)

LEAD CAROLER:

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
ALL:

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

(*SCROOGE, enters. He approached by the LEAD CAROLER. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, music continues.*)

(*These lines must be said to the music and timed correctly*)

Ms. Kinsley: It's Mr. Scrooge! (*Carrying a basket of fruit for sale*)

SCROOGE: Two pounds, five shillings ladies... due before Christmas...that means now!

Ms. Pringle: You see Mr. Scrooge; we've had to give more credit than usual this year and...

SCROOGE: That's your business, madam. My business is to collect two pounds, five shillings, now!

Ms. Kinsley: We sell things for children sir, and at this time of year people simply can't afford to...

SCROOGE: Neither can I afford to, madam. However, I will grant you an extra week's credit...

Both women: Oh, thank you—thank you, Mr. Scrooge!

SCROOGE: ...at the detriment of a further twelve shilling.

Ms. Kinley: Oh, but...but...

Ms. Pringle: But that's twice what we owe, sir!

SCROOGE: Perhaps you'd prefer I confiscate your basket, and all its contents, as is my legal right?

Both women: We will pay, sir. A Merry Christmas to you.

SCROOGE: Bah Humbug! (*Exits then carolers resume the song.*)

God Rest Ye merry Gentlemen... Continued

LEAD CAROLER:

In Bethlehem, in Israel
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

ALL:

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a feeding
In tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The son of God to find
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy (*Two carolers open the doors on the Scrooge Office*)

SCROOGE: Enough! Enough! Enough I say! How can anyone in this city be expected to concentrate while being tormented by this singing, bantering rabble! Why can they not simply go back to their hovels and leave me in peace!

End of songs for Act 1

Act 2 Stage 2

Carol of the Bells is the opening song to Act 2

Actors just come out and sing

Carol of the Bells

(Doors to Scrooges House are Closed. Song is done with synchronized movements of the lanterns)

*Hark! how the bells
Sweet silver bells
All seem to say,
"Throw cares away."
Christmas is here
Bringing good cheer
To young and old
Meek and the bold
Ding, dong, ding, dong
That is their song
With joyful ring
All caroling
One seems to hear
Words of good cheer
From ev'rywhere
Filling the air
Oh how they pound,
Raising the sound,
O'er hill and dale,
Telling their tale,
Gaily they ring
While people sing
Songs of good cheer
Christmas is here
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas
On, on they send
On without end
Their joyful tone
To ev'ry home*

OVERLAY LYRICS:

*Oh, how happy are their tones
Gaily they ring
While people sing
Songs of good cheer
Christmas is here*

MAID: Mister Scrooge, you look chilled to the very bones. Let me make off with your coat.

Wassailing song is in the Fezziwig scene
There is a little dance that happens with this song

ALL: Yeaaaaa!!!!!!

MRS FEZZIWIG: Alright now! Enough of all this dribble...let us have music!

Here we come a-wassailing Among the leaves so green, Here we come a-wand'ring
So fair to be seen.
Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail, too,
And God bless you, and send you
A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year.

We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door,
We are neighbors' children
Whom you have seen before
Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail, too,
And God bless you, and send you
A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS PAST: Such a small thing to make these simple folk happy.

SCROOGE: Small?

End of songs in Act 2

Act 3

Located on the Village Green

Silent Night is the opening song to Act 3
Actors just come out and sing

*Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glorious strains from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!*

(Doors are open, Scrooge is in his bed. Sound effect of bells tolling two)

SCROOGE: First at one.... second at two?

Christmas is near us song is in the Cratchit scene

BOB: Now you don't think I'd have forgotten that now do you? *[goes and pulls it out of his coat.]* Ah nectar, sweet nectar! And at only tuppence a pint you can't really grumble. What a tragedy that her majesty and the lord mayor couldn't be here tonight. They don't know what their missing! We're going to have the most wonderful Christmas ever.

BELINDA: Oh, Daddy, I love Christmas!

(Generally, this song is started by Mr. Cratchit and the family then joins in)

Christmas is near us

Christmas is near us,
And everything's wonderful
Every day of the year.

Christmas is near us,
And visions of paradise
Suddenly start to appear.

Christmas season,
Cold grey light,
Crisp snow falling
On a wind swept night.

There's a warm fire glowing
Candles bright
The Christmas trees lovely
Everything's just right

Oh, hold on Christmas is coming
Hold on to each other tonight

Christmas season
Candles bright
May God's love be
With you on this
Christmas night

BOB: Here, my love, try this.

Wish you a merry Christmas song is sung
as Freds Party Comes on the stage

CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Yes, and so did his wife couldn't you tell. Now! Let us see another house in this teeming city. *(We wish you music starts)* Now scrooge, this is a party, where people come to have fun, something you probably wouldn't know much about. Pay attention, you might learn something.

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

(At this point the actors stomp & sing aggressively)

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here!

(Back to normal)

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

NEPHEW FRED: Ladies and gentleman! Ladies and gentlemen please. Will you please honor me with your undivided attention? The time has come that I know you all look forward to every Christmas Eve, when I ask you to drink to the good health and long life of my celebrated uncle, Ebenezer Scrooge.

As the actors exit the stage, they sing a little of the song again
This is the Last Song of the Show