The main idea

Fan gives Scrooge a memory of being loved. Remembering her makes his rejection of her son harder to justify.

Character development

Finds her lonely brother

Brings him home

Leaves a loving memory

Connects Scrooge to Fred

Love breaks isolation

“a solitary child, neglected by his friends” — Narrator about young Scrooge, Stave 2

“to bring you home, home, home!” — Fan, Stave 2

The lonely description creates sympathy without excusing the adult miser. Fan’s repeated noun makes home a promise of connection and release.

Memory points to a present duty

“a large heart!” — Ghost about Fan, Stave 2

“Your nephew!” — Ghost reminding Scrooge of Fred, Stave 2

The emotional image defines her through generosity. The abrupt reminder joins past affection to a person Scrooge can still welcome; memory becomes an ethical demand.

Develop the interpretation

Her small physical presence and courage make affection seem powerful without wealth or status. Do not confuse Fan with Belle.

Recall question

How does Fan’s memory change the meaning of Fred’s repeated invitations?