GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Key features · development · paired evidence

THE BIG IDEA

The second spirit links abundant celebration to urgent responsibility. Its warmth makes the exposure of neglected children more unsettling.

FOLLOW THE CHARACTER

1 Welcomes Scrooge › **2** Reveals shared celebration › **3** Returns his own words › **4** Uncovers deprivation

AN INVITATION THAT BECOMES A CHALLENGE

“Come in! and know me better, man!”

Ghost, Stave 3

PAIRED WITH

“Are there no prisons?”

Ghost repeating Scrooge, Stave 3

METHOD → MEANING

The welcoming imperative opens Scrooge to other lives. Repetition later turns his earlier dismissal back on him, exposing the inadequacy of punishment as an answer to need.

ABUNDANCE AND DEPRIVATION

“a jolly Giant”

Narrator, Stave 3

PAIRED WITH

“This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want.”

Ghost, Stave 3

METHOD → MEANING

The expansive festive figure seems to promise plenty; the allegorical children concealed beneath its robe reveal deprivation within the same society. Celebration becomes a reason to share.

PUSH THE ARGUMENT

The spirit ages across the day. Its short life turns the present into an opportunity that cannot simply be postponed.

COVER THE SHEET. CAN YOU EXPLAIN…?

How do the children change the meaning of the spirit’s earlier abundance?