

Warning from Marley's Ghost (pp. 19–22)

"It is required of every man . . . that the spirit within him should walk abroad among his fellow-men, and travel far and wide; and if that spirit goes not forth in life, it is condemned to do so after death. It is doomed to wander through the world . . . and witness what it cannot share, but might have shared on earth, and turned to happiness!"

"I wear the chain I forged in life . . . I made it link by link, and yard by yard; I girded it with my own free will, and of my own free will I wore it."

"My spirit never walked beyond our counting-house . . . in life my spirit never roved beyond the narrow limits of our money-changing hole."

" . . . no space of regret can make amends for one life's opportunities misused!"

"Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

"Why did I walk through the crowds of fellow-beings with my eyes turned down . . ."

"Hear me! My time is nearly gone . . . I am here to-night to warn you that you have a chance and hope of escaping my fate . . . You will be haunted by, Three Spirits . . . Without their visits . . . you cannot hope to shun the path I tread."

