

ELIZABETH

You fear the world too much. I have seen your nobler aspirations fall away one by one to be overtaken by this obsession with wealth.

YOUNG SCROOGE

I have only grown wiser and more aware. I have not changed towards you.

ELIZABETH

When we met we were poor and content to be so. We were content to be together and share our lives together. When we met you were another man.

YOUNG SCROOGE

I was a boy. Unaware of reality.

ELIZABETH

Reality is what we make it. Contentment a frame of mind. Your aspirations have gone a different road than mine. I hope with all my heart that you find contentment easily and without pain. May you be happy in the life you have chosen. Goodbye, Ebenezer.

She removes the ring from her left hand and hands it to him. He turns and walks away. Elizabeth turns to look at him. She weeps gently.

NO. 12 - HE'S NOT THE MAN

HE'S NOT THE MAN I USED TO KNOW.
SOMETHING'S CHANGED. SOMETHING STRANGE.
IT'S IN HIS EYES. IT'S IN HIS FACE.
HIS THOUGHTS ARE IN ANOTHER PLACE.
HE'S NOT THE MAN HE USED TO BE.
HIS HEART NO LONGER BELONGS TO ME.
HIS TOUCH IS COLD. HIS VOICE NOT WARM.
OH, GOD! MAYBE IT'S ME.
AND WHERE IS THE MAN WHO USED TO LOVE ME?
HE IS GONE AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.
HE IS LOST.
HE IS NOT THE MAN THAT I LOVED.
HE IS GONE AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.
HE'S NOT THE MAN I USED TO KNOW.
SOMETHING'S CHANGED. SOMETHING STRANGE.
IT'S IN HIS EYES. IT'S IN HIS FACE.
HIS THOUGHTS ARE IN ANOTHER PLACE.
HE'S NOT THE MAN HE USED TO BE.
HIS HEART NO LONGER BELONGS TO ME.
HIS TOUCH IS COLD. HIS VOICE NOT WARM.
OH, GOD! MAYBE IT'S ME.
COULD IT BE ME?