

Tom Jenkins (*quietening the mob*) All right, now, my friends, settle down, if you please.

Scrooge That's Tom Jenkins ... the hot soup man. Owes me six pounds. I must say he looks uncommonly happy for a man so deep in debt.

Tom Jenkins I completely understand 'ow emotional you all feel about this most important celebration...

Another rousing cheer from the Crowd. Scrooge observes in the Crowd the smiling faces of the Punch and Judy Man, and the Dilbers, who run the knitwear stall, and others

Scrooge All these people owe me money. They love me, and I never knew.

Tom Jenkins But may I ask you to kindly 'old yer emotions in check. We are all deeply moved, and those of us what have been in debt to Mr S over the years will never forget the rare and beautiful thing 'E's just done for all of us, right?

Crowd Right!

The Crowd cheers. Scrooge is delighted at the Crowd's reaction, and questions them, forgetting they can neither see nor hear him

Scrooge What did I do? What did I do? Whatever it was, it has made them truly happy. And I am the cause!

Tom Jenkins puts up his hands for silence as he enters the office

Scrooge steps up on to the mounting block in front of his office to address the Crowd

No. 20: Thank You Very Much

Ladies and gentlemen... I thank you from the bottom of my heart! I shall remember this moment until my dying day!

(*Singing*) May I say to all my friends
Who have assembled here,
That I'd merely like to mention, if I may,
My sincere and humble attitude
Is one of lasting gratitude
For what your words
Have done for me today!
And therefore I would simply like to say...