

**MUSIC CUE #16: CLOCK BELLS**

**SCROOGE.** Thank you, nephew...

*(SFX: A church bell rings in the distance, bell strikes twelve.)*

**GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT.** Hark! The hour has come.

**SCROOGE.** Oh, no, no. Not yet! Not yet! There are still more things I wish to learn!

**GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT.** These you will learn from still another Spirit, Ebenezer.

*("APPLAUSE" sign flashes.)*

**JAKE LAURENTS.** The WBFR Playhouse of the Air production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will return after a word from our sponsor...

**Scene 11. Commercial Break #2**

**MUSIC CUE #17: PHIPPS UNDERSCORE**

*(SFX: Department store page bells in background.)*

*(BIZ: Crowd in department store.)*

**ALL.** *(Ad-libs, a la:)* I love shopping at Phipps! / What a treasure trove—and such savings, too! / Look, there's Santa Claus!

**JAKE LAURENTS.** Welcome to Phipps Department Store, ladies and gentlemen! Step right up to see the one and only Santa Claus himself!

**SANTA CLAUS.** Ho ho ho! Hello there, little lady!

**GOOD LITTLE GIRL.** Hiya, Santa Claus!

**SANTA CLAUS.** And what would you like for Christmas?

**GOOD LITTLE GIRL.** I'd like a Lady Fanny Happy Tot Baby Doll—the doll with a soul. Why, she's dressed in fine organdy baby clothes trimmed with lace and ribbon with "undies" to match. And if that ain't enough, her sweet little head and arms are virtually unbreakable!

**SANTA CLAUS.** And doesn't the Lady Fanny Happy Tot Baby Doll—the doll with a soul—cry real tears, too?

**GOOD LITTLE GIRL.** I'll say she does! Just like the tears of joy that will be streaming down the face of every little girl and boy who finds a Lady Fanny Happy Tot Baby Doll of their very own under the tree this Christmas!

**SANTA CLAUS.** Well, why don't you be a good little girl and take your mommy and daddy on an elevator ride to Phipps' fourth floor and Toy Town, where they can find a wide selection of Lady Fanny Happy Tot Baby Dolls—the doll with a soul—on sale. And at only four dollars and ninety-five cents, you won't find a better price anywhere in town! Ho ho ho!

**JAKE LAURENTS.** Right this way, little fellow! It's your turn to tell Santa Claus what you'd like for Christmas!

**LITTLE BOY.** Say, Santa Claus, how's tricks, how's tricks?

**SANTA CLAUS.** Swell, squirt. And what would you like to find under your family's tree on Christmas morning?

**LITTLE BOY.** I'd like a large screen RCA Victor television set. Why, it's a miracle of modern entertainment—a front row seat at plays, movies, news and sports events! This gift will be cherished long!

**SANTA CLAUS.** Well, now, a large screen RCA Victor television set may seem a rather extravagant gift for a little boy. But you can tell your mommy and daddy that it will only set them back about five dollars a week when they use Phipps' Easy Payment Plan!

**LITTLE BOY.** Say, even I can afford five dollars a week with the money from my paper route and doing odd jobs for the neighbors.

**SANTA CLAUS.** And if a little boy can afford a mere five dollars a week, who can't?

**LITTLE BOY.** That's right! Thanks, Santa Claus! I love Christmas, I love my mommy and daddy, but, most of all, I love Phipps' Easy Payment Plan! See ya on Christmas Eve!

**JAKE LAURENTS.** Right this way, little darling. Santa Claus is ready to see you now!

**SANTA CLAUS.** Why, hello there, my dear. And what would you like for Christmas?

**NAUGHTY LITTLE GIRL.** (*Vamping:*) Oh, Santa, I don't want very much. Just a good-looking flowered cotton quilted robe with good, wide, lap-over...and a Monte Carlo game table ... and a mink dyed squirrel cape!

**SANTA CLAUS.** Why aren't you a fancy little lady?

**NAUGHTY LITTLE GIRL.** I'll say I am! Just wait until my school chums get a load of me dripping in fine squirrel fur all the way from exotic Africa!