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**It's forgotten! It's fresh! It's familiar! It's family entertainment!**  
**Most of all, it's Dickens!**  
**A Dickens' Christmas story you can broadcast!**

**It's Christmas Eve. A wretched gravedigger stands on the brink of doom, and his only hope . . . is  
a band of goblins.**

Charles Dickens' first Christmas fairy tale was "The Story of the Goblins Who Stole a Sexton." Though largely forgotten today, he used it as a model for the 1843 novel that has delighted millions, *A Christmas Carol*.

Award-winning author Kenny Chumbley has done a retelling of Dickens' story, which he calls, *The Goblins and the Gravedigger*. The script has been named a winner in the written works category by the 2019 Moondance International Film Festival (Boulder, CO) and has been named the best script of the 2019 fall session by the California International Shorts Festival.

A professional recording of the script has been done by talented ensemble of Irish actors. This 52-minute play contains all the laughter, joy, hope, and love of *A Christmas Carol*. Emmy-award winner Ana Benitez, founder and president of Story Rocket, says of *The Goblins and the Gravedigger*, "It is outstanding! You really have a way of transporting listeners back to the days of Dickens. Your story has so much heart that it will connect with every single person that hears it. This will be the new "Grinch," only better."

Here is a never-before-available opportunity to bring to your listeners a forgotten Dickens that is destined to become a holiday classic.

For this year only, nonprofit and community radio stations can broadcast the show free, without charge. A short, six-minute excerpt of the play has been uploaded.

If you're interested in ordering the complete show for broadcast this December, e-mail the author/producer at [KLChumbley@aol.com](mailto:KLChumbley@aol.com).