



1 Samuel 28:3–25

Kings, Ghosts, and the Word of the Lord

Marley was dead, to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. The register of his burial was signed by the clergy-man, the clerk, the undertaker, and the chief mourner. Scrooge signed it... Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail...

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (1843)



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Ephesians 2:11–12

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Ephesians 2:11–13