

Wizard of Oz

SCENE ONE: On the Kansas Farm

(Dorothy runs in; Aunt Em and Uncle Henry are preoccupied with farm work)

Aunt Em

(counting the chicks) One...two...three...

(Dorothy is trying to tell her aunt about Miss Gulch; Aunt Em is still counting and she stops...)

Dorothy

Oh Aunt Em! Miss Gulch! She said--

Uncle Henry

Not now, Dorothy...we are counting our chicks.

Dorothy

But Toto doesn't do it every day, just...twice a week!

And he can't catch her old cat anyway --

Aunt Em

(shakes her head). Dorothy, we are too busy for any falderal!

Dorothy

(sadly) But I am worried she will--oh, ok...

(She wanders over to where the ranch hands are working)

Uncle Henry

(To Aunt Em) Poor little orphan. You know she really ought to have someone to play with.

Aunt Em

She has her dog. Besides, we all have to work out our own problems!

(Zeke, Hunk and Hickory, farmhands who are Dorothy's dear friends, are underneath a wheel, tinkering)

Hunk

Ouch, you got my finger!

Dorothy

(she runs over to help Hunk) Oh, Hunk, are you okay?

Hickory

(to Hunk) Why don't you use your brain and get your finger out of the way?

What is your head made out of--straw?!

Hunk

Well I didn't think you were going to hit it instead of the wheel!

Zeke

The man's in pain, Hickory. Have a heart.

Hunk

(Dorothy wraps his finger; he is pleased she cares and pats her head)

Hickory

(attempts to stand up from fixing the wagon wheel) Oh,oh, it feels like my joints are rusted!

(Zeke helps him up)

Hunk

Say, what's the matter Dorothy? You can't be this upset about my finger.

Dorothy

Oh, Hunk, what am I going to do about Miss Gulch?

Hunk

The woman from the farm to the west?

Dorothy

(Dorothy nods) She scared Toto half to death today shooin' him away with her broom!

Zeke

(confidently) That witch of a neighbor! *(intimidated)* She ain't comin' here, is she Dorothy?!

(looks around anxiously to make sure she isn't around)

Hickory

For goodness sake, she can't hurt you Zeke! Have some courage.

Dorothy

I am afraid she will take Toto! *(starts to sob)*

Hickory

That poor, sour-faced old maid has no heart left!

Hunk

Don't worry Dorothy! We'll put our heads together on this and use our brains!

Hickory

It's not just brains that count. You gotta use your heart, kid.

Dorothy

Oh, here she comes now!

Zeke

And you're courage. You don't let that old crabapple try and bully you!

(Miss Gulch is seen riding in)

Miss Gulch

(she passes Dorothy and says) There you are, my pretty little neighbor. Where is your Uncle?

Dorothy

Brains, Heart, Courage!

Miss Gulch

(sees Uncle Henry) Ahh, Mr. Gail.

Uncle Henry

(he is startled to see Miss Gulch on his farm) Oh--Afternoon Miss Gulch.

Miss Gulch

I need to see your wife right away! It's about Dorothy!

Uncle Henry

Dorothy--what's she done?

(Dorothy is hiding behind Zeke; Aunt Em hears and comes over by Uncle Henry)

Miss Gulch

I'll tell you what she's done! I can barely walk from the bite on my leg!

Uncle Henry

Dorothy bit you!?

Miss Gulch

No, that scraggly dog of hers!

Hunk

You bit Toto?

Dorothy

No! Toto bit her!

Uncle Henry

Is that so?

Aunt Em

Henry and I will make sure Dorothy knows not to go near your property again Miss Gulch!

Miss Gulch

(not completely satisfied) Hmmm. That dog is a menace to our community!

Dorothy

No he isn't! Toto was just scared!

Miss Gulch

I am taking him to the sheriff right now! That dog needs to be put away!

Dorothy

Oh no, I won't let you take him!

Miss Gulch

(Miss Gulch tries to get Toto, they chase in a circle and then Dorothy hides behind Uncle Henry)

Give 'em to me, give' em to me!

(Miss Gulch realizes she can't get him)

That's it! I'll be back with a sheriff's warrant! And until then, you better keep that girl

under control and her little dog, too! *(Then she exits)*

(Aunt Em and Uncle Henry come over to Dorothy)

Dorothy

Uncle Henry, you won't let her take Toto, will you?!

Uncle Henry

(scratching his head) I'll do what I can, Dorothy.

Zeke

That Miss Gulch, she blows in from the West like a real Wicked Witch sometimes.

(Hickory and Hunk nod in agreement)

Aunt Em

Now ain't nobody got time to be talking about our neighbors that way. We oughtta be a good example for Dorothy. *(Zeke, Hunk, and Hickory hang their heads)*

Professor Ozmund

Howdy Ma'm. My name is Professor Ozmund, and I invent technological wonders!

I am passing through on my way to the state fair!

Dorothy

Oh my! The state fair!

Professor Ozmund

What a fine farm you have here. And any fine farm needs a... needs a... needs my fine new invention, the Hydro-Oxide 4000 Irrigation System! Allow me to demonstrate! *(looks in bag)*

It's right here in my bag... umm... I think this goes here... Oh and this should fit there... This just needs a couple more seconds for the water to flow--

Dorothy

What a clever idea!

Uncle Henry

New irrigation system you say? *(moves handle to make it work)*

Professor Ozmund

(sees Henry's interest and is worried it won't work so starts talking quickly to distract)

Ahh, yes, state of the art--amazingly fast, guaranteed to outdo any farm around---

Aunt Em

Oh what nonsense! We ain't got time or money for all that hoop-la.

Professor Ozmund

(uses this as an opportunity to quickly flee) Well, gotta to go! State fair coming! *(says to Dorothy; winks)*

Hope to see you there, kid!

Aunt Em

Dorothy, you run along now and find yourself a some place to go where you won't be filling your head with anymore crazy ideas or get yourself into any more trouble.

Dorothy

Some place, where there isn't any trouble... Do you suppose there is such a place Toto? There must be. It's not a place you can get to by a boat or a train... It's far, far away.

Over the moon, over the rain

SONG: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Uncle Henry

(off Stage Uncle Henry calls out) Hurry, Dorothy, there's a tornado coming!

Quick get into the shelter!

Dorothy

What? Come on, Toto...we need to get out of the way of this storm. Aunt Em, where are

you? *(she holds hands over head as if she's trying to see)*

SOUND: Storm

SCENE ENDS

SCENE TWO: We're not in Kansas anymore!

Dorothy

(wakes up, holding head, looking around, seems confused)

Toto, where are we? What's happened?! I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore!

We must be Over the Rainbow!

(continues to look around; Glinda is offstage and comes in slowly with a light on her)

(to Toto) Now I know we're not in Kansas anymore!

(Glinda comes up to Dorothy with a smiling face; Dorothy approaches her with apprehension)

Glinda

Are you a good witch or a bad witch?

Dorothy

(looks around her) Me? Why, I'm not a witch at all! I'm Dorothy from Kansas!

Glinda

(points to Toto) Oh! Well, is that the witch?

Doro

(looks like she's confused) Toto? No--this is my dog, Toto.

Glinda

Well, I'm confused! The Munchkins called me because they said a new witch has just dropped a house on the wicked witch of the east. And there's the house, and here you are, and that 's what's left of the wicked witch of the east! *(points her wand at feet sticking of house)*

Dorothy

(gasping, puts her hand over her mouth)

Glinda

And so, the Munchkins want to know if you are the good witch or the bad witch?!

(Munchkins are hiding behind flowers)

Dorothy

But I would never want to be a witch! Witches are mean and ugly! *(Munchkins start giggling)*

Dorothy

What was that?

Glinda

The Munchkins! They are laughing because, you see, I am a witch!

Dorothy

(looks Glinda up and down) You are? Oh, I'm so sorry! But I've never heard of a beautiful, kind witch before!

Glinda

I am Glinda, the good witch of the north! And the Munchkins are happy because you freed them from the wicked witch of the east!

Dorothy

Oh my! What are Munchkins?

Glinda

Munchkins are little people who live in this land, and you are their hero, my dear!

(looks around and says to the Munchkins) It's all right, you can come out now!

SONG: Munchkin Musical Sequence

Witch

(screams/cackles and appears)

Dorothy

(frightened, looking at Glinda) I thought you said she was dead!

Glinda

That was her sister, the wicked witch of the east! This is the wicked witch of the west, and she is worse than the other one was!

Witch

(walks over to Dorothy) Who killed my sister? Who killed the witch of the east?

Was it you? Answer me!

Glinda

Leave her alone!

Witch

So, it was you, was it? You killed her!

Dorothy

No, no, it was an accident! I didn't mean to kill anybody! Really, I didn't!

Witch

Oh, you didn't mean it, eh? An accident, eh? Well, my little pretty, I can cause accidents, too! And this is how I do it! *(she acts as if she is going to harm Dorothy)*

Glinda

(interrupting) Aren't you forgetting the ruby slippers?

Witch

The slippers, yes, the slippers! *(walking over to the house, looks down then turns to Dorothy and Glinda)*

The slippers are gone! Give them back to me or I'll.....

(as witch is looking for slippers, a Munchkin gets the slippers and gives them to Dorothy who puts them on)

Glinda

It's too late! There they are! *(points to Dorothy's feet where the slippers are already on)*

Witch

(tries to be charming) Please, give, me, the shoes! *(Dorothy backs away slowly from her)*

I'm the only one who knows how to use them! Give them to me, now!

(lunges for them) Give them back!

Glinda

(To Dorothy) Keep tight inside of them. Their magic must be very powerful or she wouldn't want them so badly!

Witch

Stay out of this Glinda! Or I'll fix you as well!

Glinda

Oh, rubbish, you have no power here! Be gone before a house falls on you!

(Witch looks around to make sure that isn't happening)

Witch

Very well, I'll be gone... for now! *(to Glinda)* But you'd better stay out of my way!

(to Dorothy) And you--I'll get you, my little pretty, and your little dog, too!

(Witch laughs and chokes a little...make this a little humorous...maybe she forgets her broomstick and has to come back to grab it, looks at audience and rolls her eyes)

(during this time, the Munchkins are on stage but have hidden or are cowering in fear)

Glinda

(to Munchkins) It's alright...she has gone! Come out friends!

Glinda

(to Dorothy) I'm afraid you've made a bad enemy of the witch!

The sooner you get out of this land, the safer you will be, my dear!

Dorothy

I would give anything to get home right now! But, which is the way back to Kansas?

(looks around unsure)

Glinda

The only person who might know, my dear, would be the great, wonderful
Wizard of Oz himself!

Dorothy

A wizard!? What kind of wizard?

Glinda

Oh, a very good, but a very mysterious wizard! He lives in the Emerald City.
That's a long way from here. Did you bring your broomstick with you?

Dorothy

Broomstick? Why, I don't have a broomstick.

Glinda

Well, then you will have to walk.

Dorothy

But which way do I go to get to the Emerald City?

Glinda

It's always best to start at the beginning, my dear.

(she waves her wand and highlights the yellow brick road)

Dorothy

(sees the road, startled and amazed) Oh my!

Glinda

The Munchkins will see you safely to the border of Munchkinland!

Dorothy

But what happens if the witch comes back and--

Glinda

Remember to never let those ruby slippers off your feet!

Now, just follow the yellow brick road!

SONG: Follow the Yellow Brick Road

SONG: (They're) Off to See the Wizard!

SCENE ENDS

SCENE THREE: Meet the Scarecrow!

(Scarecrow is in the field with a couple of crows that he is trying to scare away)

Dorothy

(saying to herself) Follow the yellow brick road! But the road splits both directions.

(to Toto) Now which way do we go?

Scarecrow

That way is very nice! *(He points to the right)*

Dorothy

(frightened) Who said that?

Scarecrow

It's also very nice down that way! *(points to the other direction)*

Dorothy

(looks at the scarecrow) Did you say something?!

(Scarecrow shakes head no, then yes) Well did you or didn't you?

Scarecrow

That's the trouble! I can't make up my mind!

Scratch

(makes a squawking noise) His head's made up of straw! "Squawk!"

Patch

He hasn't got a brain! "Squawk!"

(crows are circling, making squawking noises, pecking straw from him)

Dorothy

(acts surprised) Oh my! *(trying to figure it out)* But you can talk!

Scratch

Listen sister, where I come from, people with no brains do an awful lot of talking!

(laughs hysterically with Patch)

Scarecrow

Boo...Skat!!

Patch

Oohh...I'm really scared! Squawk, Squawk!

(crows are continuing to taunt)

Dorothy

(shoos the crows) Shoo you two! That's better. Shall we meet properly?

I'm Dorothy Gail from Kansas.

Scarecrow

I'm Scarecrow from... well, from this cornfield.

How do you do? *(bows his head)*

Dorothy

I've never met a talking scarecrow before!

(Scarecrow makes noises as if in pain) What's the matter?

Scarecrow

I'm stuck on this pole and it's very uncomfortable.

Dorothy

Oh my! Can I help you get down?

Scarecrow

Ohhh--be careful my insides don't fall out!

Patch

Hey Scratch--Why didn't the scarecrow cross the road?

Scratch

'Cause he didn't have the guts! *(Scratch and Patch bust up laughing)* Good one, Patch!

Dorothy

Just a minute while I-- *(she helps him get down and he tumbles as he is released)*

Scarecrow

(Scarecrow flops down and doing a little dance around) Boo! Did I scare you?

Dorothy

Of course not!

Scarecrow

That's the problem! I'm a scarecrow, and I don't even know how to scare!

If only I had a brain, I would... I would... *(can't quite get the words out)*

Dorothy

What would you do Scarecrow?!

(Scarecrow sadly shakes his head and pulls at straw under hat where brain would be)

SONG: If I only had a brain!

Scarecrow

Should I stay here or go to Oz? It's hard to know what to do!

(almost hurting himself trying to think it!)

Scratch

What's the use of thinking about it when you ain't got a brain?

Patch

Yeah, you might pull a piece of straw!! Get it Scratch!?

Like pull a muscle--but he aint' got none! *(busts up laughing with Scratch)*

Scarecrow

What do you think I should do Dorothy?!

Dorothy

Let's go. Let's go get you a brain Scarecrow (*he nods his head*), and me back home!

Scarecrow

So we're off to see the Wizard?

Scratch

Oh this sounds like a very bad idea.

Dorothy

Yes, we're off to see the Wizard!

Patch

No, no, no, you don't need to be going to see any Wizard!

Scratch

(crows suddenly are unhappy that they are leaving)

Just stay here with us. We have more jokes! Why doesn't the Scarecrow need to eat?

Patch

You got me?

Scratch

He's already stuffed!

Dorothy

Oh, shoo again you two! (crows flee) Now, Scarecrow, which way do we go?

Munchkin Eddie

(points to yellow road) Follow the yellow brick road!

SONG: Follow the Yellow Brick Road

SONG: We're Off to See the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz!

Scratch

Wait--Come back!

Patch

We'll even let you scare us!!

SCENE ENDS

SCENE FOUR: Meet the Tin Man!

Dorothy

Oh, apples! Look Scarecrow!

Vinnie

(Vinnie startles Dorothy) “Hoo” do you think you are, taking my apples?!

Dorothy

Oh, I’m sorry--I didn’t know owls ate apples?!

Vito

(nudges Vinnie) Hey, she has a point there!

Vinnie

(Scratches head, clears throat) Well.....Well, that’s beside the point!

This is my house, and those are my apples!

Vito

(elbows Vinnie) Yeah, yeah boss. You tell em!

Dorothy

Oh my!

Scarecrow

Want me to scare ‘em Dorothy?! I got this. Boo! *(Vinnie and Vito are unaffected)*

Vinnie

Who's this mindless, overstuffed--

Dorothy

Come along, Scarecrow, we don't want any of THOSE apples anyway!

Vinnie

What u trying to say? My apples aren't good enough?

Vito

You want me to rough 'em up, boss? *(makes fists)*

Vinnie

First they want apples...then they don't want 'em! Can't they make up their mind?

Vito

Let me try Boss--We got Braeburns, we got Pink Ladies, we got Golden Delicious--

Vinnie

(annoyed) You forgot Granny Smith. *(Dorothy and Scarecrow shrug and look uninterested)*

I'll tell you what....I'm gonna give 'em some apples! *(Vinnie and Vito throw apples)*

Well, how you like them apples?!

Scarecrow

(Dorothy and Scarecrow are pick up the apples and walk quickly away)

Well that's one way to get some apples! Good going!

Vinnie

Hey! Where ya goin'?! You come back here so I can give ya some more of my apples!

Vito

All this talk about apples is making me hungry!

(Tin Man is mumbling "oil, oil")

Dorothy

(looking around) What is that? Why, it's a man...made out of tin!

Tin Man

Oil Can. Oil Can. Oil Can!

Dorothy

(sees oil can off to the side) Oh, here it is! *(picks up oil can)* Where would you like me to put it?

Tin Man

(mumbles) Mouth!

Dorothy

Oh, he said mouth! *(puts oil on his mouth)*

Tin Man

(moves mouth around) Oh thank you! Arms, please.

(Tin Man's axe falls down) Oh, this is wonderful! I've held that axe up for ages!

Dorothy

Oh, however did you get like this?

Tin Man

Well, a year ago I was chopping that tree over there and minding my own business!

Suddenly it started to rain!

Dorothy

Oh my!

Tin Man

Legs, elbows, knees! Right in the middle of a chop, I rusted solid--I've been this way since!

Dorothy

Well, you're perfect now!

Tin Man

No, I'm not!

Bang on my chest if you think I'm perfect! Go ahead! Bang on it!

(Scarecrow bangs on Tin Man's chest)

Scarecrow

Beautiful! What an echo!

Tin Man

It's empty! The Tin Smith forgot to give me a heart!

Dorothy and Scarecrow

No heart?!

SONG: If I only had a Heart!

Scarecrow

So will you come to The Emerald City with us and ask the Wizard to give you a heart?!

Tin Man

Why I don't know... That's a long, dangerous journey, and--it might rain along the way!

Dorothy

I'll keep the oil can handy!

Tin Man

To Oz?! *(they all link arms)*

Witch

(suddenly appears) Heh, heh, heh...you didn't forget about me, did you?

I haven't forgotten about you! And I haven't forgotten about those ruby slippers either!

(Dorothy, Tin Man and Scarecrow huddle)

(to Scarecrow and Tin Man) Helping the little lady along, are you, my fine gentlemen?

(Witch plucks straw out of Scarecrow; uses broom to knock oil can upside down and bat it aside)

Well, stay away from her!

(to the Tin Man) Or I'll fill you full of bees!

(to the Scarecrow) And Scarecrow and I will play a little fireball, eh, Scarecrow?! *(laughs gleefully)*

Scarecrow

Fire! Oh no!

Witch

(to Dorothy) As for you and that pesky dog of yours--I'll see to it that you never get to Oz!

Dorothy

(holding Toto tightly in her arms) Ohhhh--

Witch

(she laughs wickedly and exits in a cloud of smoke on her broom, saying) I'll get you, my pretty!

Tin Man & Scarecrow

Maybe we shouldn't go to Oz after all!

Dorothy

But I need to get home, and we need to get you a brain!

Scarecrow

Well, if you think so!

Dorothy

And we need to get you a heart!

Tin Man

Well, if you feel so!

Dorothy

Oh, you're both the two best friends anybody every had! And it's funny,
but I feel as if I've known you my whole life! But, I couldn't have, could I?

Tin Man and Scarecrow

To see the Wizard?!

Dorothy

To see the Wizard of Oz!

Munchkin Emmet

Follow the yellow brick road!

SONG: Follow the Yellow Brick Road!

SONG: We're Off to See the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz!

Vinnie

What's all this talk about a wizard?

Vito

You heard of any wizards, Vinnie?

Vinnie

Nahhh--who even knows if there is a wizard.

Vito

Seems like such a long way to go to see some person we don't even know exists.

Vinnie

Yeah, for all we know, he could be some bald guy behind the scenes,
calling all the shots.

Vito

Yah--pretending to be some big shot. *(picks up an apple and takes a bite)*

Hey boss, you ever tasted any of these apples?

Vinnie

Nah---I don't eat apples.

SCENE ENDS

SCENE FIVE: Meet the Lion!

Dorothy

I don't like this forest...it's dark and creepy!

Scarecrow

Do you suppose we'll meet any wild animals!

Tin Man

We might...

Scarecrow

Animals that eat straw?

Tin Man

Some, but mostly lions, and tigers, and bears!

Dorothy

Lions?

Scarecrow

And tigers?

CHANT: Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

(suddenly Lion appears, growling!; Scarecrow trembles, Tin Man trembles; Dorothy looks around)

Lion

(roaring) Put em up! Put up your dukes! I'll fight you both if you want! I'll fight you with one paw tied behind my back! I'll fight you standing on one foot!

Tin Man

Go away and leave us alone!

Lion

Oh, you're scared, huh? *(to the Tin Man)* Come on and fight, you shivering junk yard!
(to the Scarecrow) Put your hands up, you lop-sided bag of hay!

Lion

(looking at Toto) What about you, Pee Wee?! I'll get you too!

Dorothy

(slaps Lion's hand) Shame on you!

Lion

What'd you do that for! I didn't bite him!

Dorothy

No, but you tried to! It's bad enough you picking on a straw man,
but when you go around picking on poor dogs--

Lion

(crying) Well, you didn't have to go and hit me did ya? Is my nose bleeding?!

Dorothy

Of course not! My goodness! What a fuss you're making!
Picking on things weaker than you are! Why, you're nothing but a great big coward!

Lion

You're right! I am a coward! *(sobbing)*
I haven't any courage at all! I haven't slept in weeks!

Tin Man

Why don't you try counting sheep?!

Scurry

Oh he can't count sheep...he's afraid of them! *(laughing: he-he-he-he-he)*

Squeak

(laughing, taunting) Yeah, he's even afraid of us! (laughing: he-he-he-he-he; rolling on floor, laughing)
(Lion acts scared)

SONG: If I only had the nerve!

Scarecrow

(to Dorothy, Tin Man and Scarecrow) Do you think the Wizard could help him too?

Dorothy

I don't see why not! We're on our way to see the Wizard of Oz now to get him a heart!
(points to Tin Man)

Tin Man

And him a brain! *(points to Scarecrow)*

Dorothy

(to the Lion) And I'm sure he could give you some courage!

Lion

Oh to be brave! ROAR!!!! *(soft roar)*

Scurry

(makes thumb gesture) Who him?

Scarecrow

(to Dorothy) Shouldn't he be louder?

Dorothy

Come on, now. A little louder!

Lion

Oh to be King of Forest! ROAR!! *(medium roar)*

Squeak

King of the Scaredy Cats is more like it! *(laughing: he-he-he-he-he)*

Scarecrow

Come on now! Give it all you got!

Dorothy

Show me KING OF THE FOREST!

Squeak

I'll show HIM King of the Forest *(holds up mirror to lion as the Lion roars)*

Lion

Oh to be the bravest lion of all! ROAR!! *(big roar as he looks in the mirror and jumps back as if scared!)*

Squeak & Scurry

(laugh hysterically: he, he, he, he, he)

Scarecrow

(to mice) Skat...get outta here!

Dorothy:

Yes, let's go get you some courage!

Scarecrow

And me a brain!

Tin Man

And me a heart!

Dorothy

And me back home!

SONG: "We're off to see the Wizard"

(Mice are in center of stage scurrying around in a circle; they don't see owls come in off to the side)

Squeak

Now what do we do for fun?

Scurry

Did you hear that?

Squeak

No. What was it?

Scurry

I get the feeling someone's watching us.

Vinnie

Forget about apples--Now that's the kind of food I'm talkin' about.

(as the mice talk and walk in circles, Vinnie and Vito sneak up on them)

Squeak

You don't suppose there's any owls in this part of the forest do you?

Vito

Which one ya want boss? You want the small portion or the larger one?

Scurry

I don't know, but I'm thinking we better get outta here!

Squeak

(backs up into Vito) Oh well, hello there!

Scurry

(to Vinnie) A fine day we're having!

Vinny

Yah, a mighty fine day now.

Squeak

Oh say, you look pretty hungry.

Scurry

Bad choice of words!

Vinny

As a matter of fact *(pulls out/puts on his bib; says to Vito)* I am. Pass the parmesan, will ya Vito?

Vito

Right away Boss! *(pulls the parmesan out of his pocket)*

Squeak

(nervously laughing) Say, ahh, I hear there's some nice big juicy mice over in Oz.

Scurry

Yah, *(getting Squeak's idea)* seems like everyone's going that way these days!

(laughs nervously: he-he-he-he-he)

Vinnie

I don't like to eat and run. *(sharpening fork and knife)* I'll stay right here for my meal.

Squeak

Good idea--best not to run. Better stay heere--you might get indigestion! *(to Scurry)* Run!

(mice run)

Vito

Now that's what I call fast food.

Vinnie

Get 'em!

SCENE ENDS

SCENE SIX: From the Poppy Fields to the Emerald City!

(takes place in front of the green curtain)

Dorothy

Oh my! Look at these beautiful flowers!

Tin Man

These are poppies! What's that fragrance?

Dorothy

Smells really... *(Dorothy starts to yawn; she slows down, lies down as if to sleep)* sleepy...

Scarecrow

This is no place to stop! Come on, Dorothy, let's go!

Dorothy

I can't go on anymore! I'm so sleepy! I have to rest for just a minute.

Tin Man

This is terrible! It must be some kind of spell!

Tin Man

It must be the Wicked Witch! What'll we do! Help!

Witch

(from side of the stage, looking in her crystal ball) Call away! No one will help you this time!

I am after all THE Wicked Witch! *(she laughs wickedly)* Those slippers are mine now, my pretty!

Fly Hoff--take your winged friends and fetch me those slippers!

Hoff

I'm on it, most wickedess witch! *(he exits)*

Tin Man

Oh Dorothy, poor Dorothy! *(lion yawns and falls asleep)*

Scarecrow

And now the Lion! He's sleeping too!

Tin Man and Scarecrow

Help us! Help! Help us! *(Glinda reappears and waves her wand)*

Tin Man

Dorothy! You're waking up!

(Lion also wakes up; he and Dorothy brush off their clothes and look around)

Witch

Oh this is terrible! Terrible! Somebody always helps that girl! Well, shoes or no shoes,

I'm still great enough to conquer her, and nobody better stop me! *(she cackles and disappears)*

Dorothy

(notices the Emerald City) Oh look! There it is at last! The Emerald City!

(they run to the door and ring the bell)

Doorman

Can't you read?

Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Lion

Read what?

Doorman

The notice! Why it's as plain as the nose on your face! It's uh, It's oh...

(he disappears and returns with a sign that says Bell Out of Order, Please Knock)

(the group knocks on the door) Well that's more like it! Now state your business!

Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Lion

We want to see the Wizard!

Doorman

The Wizard! But... but nobody's ever seen the great Oz! Even I've never seen him!

Dorothy

Well then, how do you know there is one?

Doorman

Because he...I...oh, you're wasting my time!

Dorothy

Oh please, please...sir, I've got to see the wizard! The Good Witch of the North sent me!

Doorman

(he mumbles "Good Witch of the North" as if to himself) Well....prove it!

Scarecrow

(trying to "think" of how to prove it) Look, she's wearing the ruby slippers she gave her!

Doorman

(surprised) Oh, so she is! Well, bust my buttons, why didn't you say that in the first place?

Come on in! *(ahem)* These are our Emerald City Girls. They will take you from here.

Emerald City Girls

(looking at Dorothy and the others critically) Oh my, we do have our work cut out for us today!

Emerald City Girl Larissa

(looks at the Tin Man) What were you out doing, hiking in the rain?

Fresh supply of oil and new metal polish needed immediately!

Emerald City Girl Alyssa

(looks at the Scarecrow) What happened to you? A smoke sauna?

An order of fresh straw please--and new patches!

Emerald City Girl Marissa

(looks at the Lion's hair) And you--the only scaring you will be doing is with your appearance!

Order a perm for his mane! *(looks at the Lion's paws)*

And can you get me one of those large nail files? No, make that a sander!

Emerald City Girl Clarissa

(looks Dorothy) Uckkk--And where have you been my dear? Sleeping in the flowers?

New bows for this one and--

Dorothy

Please--we've come a long way and are in a hurry! We must see the Wizard at once!

Old Lady Emerald City Girl

Oh, but this is how we do it here in Oz my dear!

SONG: "Merry Ole' Land of Oz"

Old Lady Emerald City Girl

And now you are ready! Guard!

Oz Guard

The great and powerful Oz will not see you or anyone else today!

Dorothy

Oh but please sir! We must see the Wizard!

Oz Guard

Orders are--nobody can see the Great Oz! Go home--the Wizard says go away!

Scarecrow

But she's Dorothy!

Oz Guard

The Witch's Dorothy? Well that makes a difference. I'll announce you at once!

(he pushes them into the Wizard's room and left alone)

Wizard

I'm the great Wizard of Oz. Come forward.

Lion

(covering his eyes) Tell me when it's over!

Wizard

Who are you? *(in a booming voice)*

Dorothy

If you please, I'm Dorothy! *(she curtsies)* And I've come to ask you...

Wizard

SILENCE!! *(loudly)*

The great and powerful Oz knows why you have come. Step forward!

Wizard

Tinman!!

Tinman

(shaking) Oh, that's me.

Wizard

Dare you come to me for a heart, do you, you clinking, clanking collection of junk?

Tinman

Yes sir, your honor! You see, we were walking down the yellow brick road...

Wizard

(loudly) Quiet!!

Wizard

And you, Scarecrow, you have the nerve to ask for a brain? *(Scarecrow is kneeling and shaking)*

Wizard

You big fluffy sack of hay!

Scarecrow

Yes, yes your honor!

Wizard

(loudly) Enough!

Wizard

And you, Lion...

Lion

I think I'll wait outside! I'm too scared! *(Lion passes out; Dorothy and the Scarecrow catch him)*

Dorothy

(to Oz) You ought to be ashamed of yourself! He came to you for help!

Wizard

I have every intention of granting your requests, but first, you must prove yourselves worthy by performing a very small task. You must bring me the broomstick of the wicked Witch of the West! *(loudly)* Now be gone!

Tinman

But how can we do that?!

Wizard

Bring me her broomstick, and I will grant your requests! Now GO!!! *(Points finger outward)*
(they jump up startled and run off)

SCENE SEVEN: The Witch's Castle

(could be in front of the green curtain)

Scratch

(shaking fingers back and forth as if warning) Don't go in! *(whispered)* Squawk, Squawk!

Patch

Yah--We ain't heckling ya about this!

Tin Man

This witch's castle is really creepy!

Lion

I'd turn back if I were us! *(shaking, trembling)*

SONG: Winkie Guard

Scarecrow

(to Dorothy) What's next Dorothy?

Dorothy

Stay close and keep your eye out for the Witch's broom!

Witch

(appears suddenly along with the flying monkeys, cackling, laughing) So you came by my home for a little more fun did you? What an unexpected pleasure! And now it's time I finished you!

(to Hoff and the Flying Monkeys) Take them away and do what you want with them!

(Flying monkeys grab onto the Tin Man, Scarecrow, Lion; goes up to Dorothy and points finger at her)

But as for you, my pretty, give me those ruby red slippers or-- *(she grabs the basket with Toto)*
you don't want to see your precious little dog harmed, do you?

(Dangles the basket away from Dorothy)

Dorothy

Oh no, no, don't hurt him!... Go ahead, you can have your old slippers!

Give me back Toto!

Witch

I knew you'd see reason.

(she bends down to get slippers, but jumps back as if shocked) That power is too strong!

Hmm....I'll have to think of another way to get them! *(pacing)* I can't wait forever to get those

shoes! *(she tips the hour glass over)* Do you see that? That's how much longer you have to be
alive! Guard, take her away to the dungeon!

(guard accidentally drops torch as Dorothy is struggling; torch lands on Scarecrow)

Scarecrow

Help! I'm burning! I'm on fire! *(tries to pat himself to put out flames)*

(off to side, there is a bucket with blue confetti cut up as water)

Tin Man

Dorothy, the bucket of water!

(Dorothy sees bucket, grabs it and throws the contents towards the scarecrow, but hits the witch)

Witch

Oh, you little brat! Look what you've done! I'm melting...I'm melting! Oh what a world, what a world! Who could have guessed a sweet girl like you could destroy my beautiful wickedness! Oh...I'm melting, melting...*(fading)*

Witch's Guard

(looks astonished) You've destroyed her!

Dorothy

I...I didn't mean to, really! It's just that Scarecrow was on fire and....

Witch's Guard

Hail to Dorothy! The wicked Witch is dead! *(everyone echoes)*

SONG: "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead!"

Dorothy

Please! May I have the broom?

Hoff

Yes, take it with you!

Dorothy

Oh, thank you so much! Now we can take it back to the Wizard and he will
tell me how to get home!

SCENE ENDS

SCENE EIGHT: The Oz Throne Room

Wizard

So, you've come back!

Dorothy

Yes, sir, we've done what you asked us and brought the broomstick of
the Witch of the West!

Wizard

But how?--

Dorothy

We melted her. And so we'd like you to keep your promise to us!

Wizard

Well, now I'll have to think about that! Go away and come back tomorrow!

Lion

Okay, no worries--hakuna matata--see ya!!

Dorothy

Oh, no, please, I want to go home now!

Wizard

I SAID TOMORROW!

Scarecrow

You've had plenty of time already!

(Tin Man is looking around and sees Wizard's feet--he goes and pulls back the curtain to reveal the wizard)

Wizard

Do you presume to criticize the--*(curtain reveals him)* Great Oz?! You are lucky that I'm giving you audience tomorrow instead of twenty years from now--

Dorothy

Who are you???

Wizard

Well, I'm the great and powerful Oz?! *(knows he's being found out)* Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain! Now go away! The GREAT AND POWERFUL---

Dorothy

Why, you're just a man, a very bad man!

Wizard

Oh, humbug! I am a man--but I'm not a bad man, my dear. I'm a very good man.

I'm just a very bad Wizard.

Scarecrow

But what about our requests? My brain?

Tin Man

And my heart?

Lion

What about my courage?

Scarecrow

And sending Dorothy back home?!

Wizard

(looks at Scarecrow) Why, anybody can have a brain! But they have one thing you don't have...a diploma! *(reaches into a box or bag or chest and pulls out a diploma)* Therefore, by the authority vested in me, I confer upon you the honorary degree of THD?

Scarecrow

What's THD?

Wizard

Why it's...Doctor of Thinkology!!

Scarecrow

(reacts with joy! Puts finger on temple, closes eyes) The sum of the square root of any two sides of an isosceles triangle equals the square root of the remaining sides!

Oh joy, oh rapture! I've got a brain!

Wizard

(to Lion) And as for you, my fine friend: Just because you run away from danger does not mean you have no courage. *(takes out a medal)* So for your bravery against the wicked witch, I award you the triple cross!

Lion

Aww, shucks *(in a bashful, thankful manner)*

Wizard

(looks at Tin Man) As for you, my galvanized friend! You want a heart!
Hearts will never be practical until they are made unbreakable!

Tin Man

But I still want one!

Wizard

Yes! *(hands him a ticking heart)* Now remember, a heart is not judged by how much you love, but how much you are loved by others!

Tin Man

Oh, it ticks! Listen! It ticks! It ticks! *(happily)*

(Tin Man, Lion and Scarecrow show each other what they have received)

Scarecrow

(suddenly noticing Dorothy) Hey, what about Dorothy?

Dorothy

Oh, well, I don't think there's anything in that box that can help me!

Wizard

Why, Dorothy, you've had the power to return home all along!

Dorothy

I have?

Glinda

(appears with Munchkins) It's true Dorothy, you've always had the power to go back to Kansas.

Scarecrow

Then why didn't you tell her before?

Glinda

Because she wouldn't have believed me. She had to learn it for herself!

Tin Man

(To Dorothy) Learned? Well, what have you learned, Dorothy?

Dorothy

Well, I think, I think...that if I ever go looking for my heart's desire again, I won't look any further than my own back yard! Because everything I'll ever need is right there!

(looks at Glinda) Is that right?

Glinda

That's all it is! Now that you've found it for yourself,
those magic slippers will take you home in two seconds!

Dorothy

(bidding farewell to Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion) Oh dear, this is too wonderful to be true!

It's so hard to say goodbye! I love you all! Don't cry, Tin Man, you'll rust up!

Dorothy

(to Lion) Goodbye, Lion, I'm going to miss the way you used to holler for help before you found your courage!

Dorothy

(to Scarecrow) I think I'll miss you most of all!

(all are sad; Dorothy is wiping tears away)

Dorothy

(looking at Glinda) I'm ready.

Glinda

Ok, close your eyes and tap your heels together 3 times and think to yourself:
There's no place like home, there's no place like home, there's no place like home.

Dorothy

(repeating as Munchkins join in) There's no place like home; there's no place like home;
there's no place like home.

SCENE ENDS

SCENE NINE: Back home in Kansas

(in front of green curtains)

Dorothy

(lying in bed, mumbling) There's no place like home, there's no place like home...

Hunk

How's she doing?

Uncle Henry

She's got quite a big bump on her head!

(Hunk, Hickory, Zeke enter)

Aunt Em

Dorothy, wake up, honey!

Dorothy

Aunt Em, is that you?

(sits up holding head) I must have had a dream, but it was so real!

Aunt Em, Uncle Henry--You were all there! I was trying to get back home to you!

And you are all here now! And I'm never going to leave again! Ever! Because I love you all!

And--Oh, Aunt Em? *(enunciating each word)* There is no place like home!

END OF PLAY