

Ocean Grove Children's Show - 2010

Yellow Brick Road

(An adaptation of L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz)

"A Heart Like You"

Script Excerpt and Song

(The Scarecrow picks up the oil can.)

<u>Dorothy</u>
Start with his mouth. Maybe then he can talk to us.

<u>Scarecrow</u>
I hope this works.

Tin Man Aow... oow.

<u>Dorothy</u> Listen. He's trying to talk!

<u>Scarecrow</u>
A little more on this side over here.

<u>Tin Man</u> Thank you.

(The Scarecrow continues working, oiling from the shoulders down to the feet, as Dorothy and the Tin Man speak.)

Dorothy
Who are you?

Tin Man
(sitting up slowly)
I don't know if I know any more.
I'm just a shell of the person I once was.

<u>Dorothy</u> Have you been here a long time?

Tin Man
Time. What is time?
What is anything where there is no love?

Dorothy What do you mean?

<u>Tin Man</u> Give me a minute, and I'll explain it all.

Scarecrow
There. The oil is taking effect.
Can you stand up?

<u>Tin Man</u>
I think so. (standing slowly)
Ah, but it feels good to be moving again.

(They walk out toward the middle of the stage.)

<u>Dorothy</u> Can you tell us what happened?

Tin Man

It was the witch. She's a broken soul, and can't stand to see anyone happy. I was a woodcutter, building a house for my soon-to-be bride, but the witch cursed me.

Now, as long as she lives, I'm an empty container that once had a heart.

<u>Dorothy</u> You don't... have a heart?

Tin Man

It's gone... taken from me...
Then she tied me up in the forest, leaving the oil can just out of reach.
The ropes eventually got old and fell away, but by then I was too rusty to move.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

The witch! I bet it's the same one we met.

Dorothy

May I ask, what was your name before all this happened?

Tin Man

My name... what does it matter now? Without a heart, how can anything matter?

Song #8 - A Heart Like You

Tin Man

A hunk o'metal, from my head to my feet
That's what I am, that's what I'll be
A hunk o'metal, but it wasn't that way
I once had a heart like you
And I loved a girl, and she loved me too
But the witch of the west said, "Here's what I'll do I'll take your heart out and make you a hunk o'metal"

And so I kept on working with all of my heart
How can I say that? I don't even have one
Empty inside, without a friend to my name
I once had a friend like you
And I was building a house for my bride and me
But the witch of the west said, "It won't ever be"
And she took my heart out and made me a hunk o' metal

So now I'm a member of Tin Can Alley Destined to rust in the rain and the dew Oh, I'd wish with all my heart - if I only had one That I had a heart like you

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