

Ocean Grove Children's Show - 2010

## Yellow Brick Road

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

## "Supposed To Be"

Script Excerpt and Song

(The Tin Man sits down, with his head in his hands, as though about to cry.)

Dorothy

(trying to comfort him)

Please, Mr. Man-made-out-of-Tin, don't cry. It will only make you rust again. I can't give you back your heart, but I can be a friend. My name is Dorothy.

Tin Man

Thank you, Dorothy. That means more than you know. For a long time I wondered if I'd ever have a friend again.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

(coming over to meet him)
Pleased to meet you. I'm Mr. Scarecrow.

Tin Man

(shaking hands)
I never met a talking scarecrow.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

And I never met a man made out of metal.
At least, I don't think I have.
Actually, I don't think at all.
You see, I'm sort of lacking...
(taps his head) in the brain department.

<u>Tin Man</u>

So... you don't have a brain, and I don't have a heart.

Sometimes it's a sad world, isn't it?

<u>Scarecrow</u>

Maybe, but I don't think about it. And there's one good thing, at least—if you don't have a heart, then you can't have a broken heart.

<u>Tin Man</u>

Actually, I've known both, and it's much better to have a broken heart... than to have no heart at all.

<u>Dorothy</u>

Mr. Tin Man, you may not have a heart, but you still have a soft spot inside. I can tell by the way you're thinking.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

(feeling his head)
I have lots of soft spots in my thinking.
But.. that's what being stuffed with hay
and straw will do for you.

(tapping his head) "Hay," shall we continue on?

Tin Man
Where are you going?

**Dorothy** 

We're going to see the Wizard of Oz. I'm hoping he'll send me back to Kansas.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

I'm going to request a brain.

Tin Man

Do you think maybe he could give me a heart?

**Dorothy** 

No harm in asking. Why don't you come with us?

(The Scarecrow sees something moving in the forest. A lion has come into view, hiding behind a tree.)

Scarecrow

(mysteriously)

Stop. Don't anyone move!

<u>Tin Man</u>

What is it?

**Scarecrow** 

While we've been talking, something has been sneaking up on us.

<u>Dorothy</u> Is it the witch?

Scarecrow No, an animal.

<u>Dorothy</u> A big animal?

Scarecrow I think so.

Tin Man

Listen, I'm made out of metal, so he can't hurt me. And you're stuffed with straw. So if he bites you, you'll bounce back.

Scarecrow

That's right. But what about Dorothy?

<u>Tin Man</u>

(to Dorothy)

Take my ax. Hold it high over your head. Now spread out just a little. On the count of three, ask him who he is.

(They follow the Tin Man's instructions, surrounding the hiding Lion. When they get near him, they speak.)

*Tin Man* 1... 2... 3...

<u>Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man</u> (with Toto barking fiercely) WHO ARE YOU? <u>Lion</u>

(collapsing to his knees, wailing, then crying) Ohhhhhhhhh.....

**Dorothy** 

(putting down the ax and stepping closer to him)

Excuse me, are you a lion?

And if you are, why are you crying?

Lion

Because... you... you trapped me. Ohhhhhhh....

Tin Man

Why were you sneaking up on us?

<u>Lion</u>

How else was I supposed to see who you are?

**Scarecrow** 

Why not come walking across the clearing and just ask us. After all, you are a lion. What do you have to be afraid of anyway?

(The lion stands up and walks forward. The others follow.)

Lion

That's what I keep asking myself.
What? And I don't know what the answer is.
Do you think I wanted to be this way?
Scared... of everything in the jungle?

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<u>Lion</u>

I didn't want to be a fraidy-cat!
I didn't want to be a scaredy-cat!
I didn't want to be a how-did-he-get-that-wayand-what-do-you-think-of-that
But that's exactly what I am
I dare anyone who can hear my voice
Tell me why I run from little girls and boys
Not to mention jumping at the slightest noise...

Lion

Hold on! What was that? I heard something.
Did you hear something?
What was it? Wha-a-a-t was it?

**Scarecrow** 

When you were jumping, you landed on a small twig... and it snapped.

(looking down) I did? Ohhhhhhh.....

I was supposed to be the King!

Not walking around like this
Not stalking around as though
afraid of my own shadow - oh, oh, oh
And feeling like a fugitive on the run
Going from tree to tree
Peeking around to see
if anyone's there before I come
This is no way to rule the forest

<u>Lion</u>

Whatever happened to my sense of worth, my deep inner value, my pride? Have you ever heard of... "the pride of lions"?

<u>Scarecrow</u>

(walking around as though giving a lecture)
Yes, I have. The word "pride," in this case, is a collective noun. It means... "a whole group of"... lions.

Lion

Oh... well... there's no group. There's only me. And what a miserable excuse-of-a-lion I've been.

(The Lion kneels down in sadness and frustration, holding his head in his paws. Dorothy comes closer to comfort him.)

<u>Dorothy</u>

It's okay, Mr. Lion. Everyone has moments when they feel afraid.

Lion

(looking earnestly at her)
I wish I could have just one moment...
when I felt like I was... brave.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

Why don't you come with us to the Emerald City?

There's a wizard there.

<u>Tin Man</u> I'm going to ask him for a heart.

**Dorothy** 

I'm hoping he'll send me back to Kansas.

<u>Scarecrow</u>

And my request... is a brain.

<u>Lion</u>

Do you think... this wizard... could grant me some courage?

**Scarecrow** 

(walking around as though administering a test)
Why not? Hey! I just thought of a quiz question.
Everybody, take this down. What doesn't belong in this

A brain... a heart... courage....... Kansas!

(They all look at each other and laugh.)

<u>Lion</u>

If this wizard could give me some courage, that would be worth the trip. You know why? (louder) You know why? I'll tell you why!

<u>Lion</u>

'Cause I don't want to be called a pussy-cat Even worse a wimp or maybe a wussy-cat I'm sick and tired of being scared like that I want to stand and face the world, bold and unafraid

**Scarecrow** 

If I had a brain then I could comprehend

<u>Tin Man</u> If I had a heart then I could love a friend

**Dorothy** 

If I were in Kansas I could ride the wind

Hold on! What was that? I heard something.
Did you hear something? What was it? Wha-a-a-t was it?

<u>Tin Man</u>
You stubbed your toe on a small rock, and it bounced up against that log.

I did? (looking down, then jumping and holding his foot) Ohhhhhhh.....

I was supposed to be.... the.... King!

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