**Audition Central: The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition**

Script: Aunt Em -  All of Em’s lines should be memorized for audition

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Aunt Em (Supporting)** Female (Grades 8-12)

A typically hard-working farmer’s wife. Although she is consumed by her responsibilities, underneath it all she cares very much for Dorothy’s feelings and well-being. Aunt Em must be able to show both her strong side and her softer side. Aunt Em sings the reprise of “Over the Rainbow,” but this is mainly an acting role. We are looking for an actor who can be firm and no-nonsense but is also warm and caring.

Solo singing? Yes Vocal range: Top: B4 – and – Bottom: A3

**SIDE 1**

*(MISS GULCH enters with a bicycle)*

**Miss Gulch:** Mr. Gale! Mr. Gale! I want to see you and your wife right away! It’s about Dorothy—

*(UNCLE HENRY and AUNT EM enter)*

**Uncle Henry:** Dorothy? Well, what has Dorothy done?

**Miss Gulch:** What’s she done? I’m all but lame from the bite on my leg!

**Uncle Henry:** You mean she bit you?

**Miss Gulch:** No, her dog!

**Uncle Henry:** Oh, she bit her dog, eh?

**Miss Gulch:** No! That dog’s a menace to the community. I’m taking him to the sheriff and make sure he’s

destroyed.

**Dorothy:** Destroyed? Toto? Oh, you can’t! You mustn’t! Auntie Em! Uncle Henry! You won’t let her, will

you?

**Uncle Henry:** Of course we won’t. Will we, Em?

**Dorothy:** Please, Aunt Em, Toto didn’t mean to. He didn’t know he was doing anything wrong. I’m the

one that ought to be punished. I let him go in her garden. You can send me to bed without supper!

**Miss Gulch:** If you don’t hand over that dog, I’ll bring a damage suit that’ll take your whole farm! There’s a

law protecting folks against dogs that bite!

**Aunt Em:** How would it be if she keeps him tied up? He’s really gentle, with gentle people, that is.

**Miss Gulch:** Well, that’s for the sheriff to decide. Here’s his order allowing me to take him. Unless you want

to go against the law.

**Aunt Em:** Now, we can’t go against the law, Dorothy. I’m afraid poor Toto will have to go.

**Miss Gulch:** Now you’re seeing reason.

**Dorothy:** I won’t let you take him! You go away, you! Oooh, I’ll bite you myself!

**Aunt Em:** Dorothy!

**Dorothy:** Uncle Henry, Auntie Em, don’t let ‘em take Toto! Don’t let her take him, please!

**Aunt Em:** Put him in the basket, Henry.

**SIDE 2**

*(DOROTHY is singing . . . Suddenly AUNT EM appears outside the window)*

**Dorothy:** Auntie Em! Auntie Em! Is it really you?

**Aunt Em:** *Singing . . .* When all the clouds darken up the skyway, There’s a rainbow highway to be found,

Leading from your window pane,

**Dorothy:** *Singing . . .* To a place behind the sun,

**BOTH:** *Singing . . .* Just a step beyond the rain.

**Aunt Em:** Dorothy, I hope you can somehow hear me wherever you are. We’re trying to find you, dear. We

want you to come home, Dorothy. Please come home, come home to us, safe and sound.

**Dorothy:** Oh, I want to Auntie Em, I really want to come home! But I’m here in Oz, locked up in the

Witch’s castle, and I’m so afraid, and I…I don’t know what to do.

**Aunt Em:** Dorothy, dear. Come home to us. Just come home…

**BOTH:** *Singing . . .* If happy little bluebird fly Beyond the rainbow, Why, oh why, can’t—