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

Script: Dorothy -  All lines should be memorized for audition

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Dorothy (Lead)** Female (Grades 9-12)

Dorothy is a sweet, innocent young lady who has a streak of boldness. She lives on a farm with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry but dreams of escaping to a far-off place where she does not get into so much trouble. She and her dog, Toto, are inseparable. She is a bit outspoken and headstrong, but dearly loves her family and friends. Dorothy needs to be a strong vocalist and a good dancer.

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

**SIDE 1**

*(DOROTHY enters, wiping tears from her cheeks. SHE sits, dejected, at the base of a sign reading “Professor Marvel’s Psychic Readings.”)*

**Dorothy:** Toto, darling! You came back! Oh, I’m so glad! Toto! Oh, they’ll be coming back for you in a

minute. We’ve got to get away! We’ve got to run away, quick!

*(PROFESSOR MARVEL enters, clearly having overheard DOROTHY’S last comment about running away.)*

**Professor:** Leaving so soon? Wait, wait! Don’t tell me! You are… running away!

**Dorothy:** How did you guess?

**Professor:** Professor Marvel never guesses, he knows! Now, why are you running away?

**Dorothy:** Nobody cares about me at home. They wouldn’t even miss me.

**Professor:** Now, I wouldn’t be so sure of that –

**Dorothy:** No, they won’t, honestly! Auntie Em was even going to let them kill Toto for biting Miss Gulch.

**Professor:** Here, sit right down here. That’s it. Ha ha! Professor removes a crystal ball from his satchel.

**Dorothy:** *(Amazed by the crystal ball)* My! It’s beautiful!

**Professor:** Yes! Yes, it is. Now gaze into the crystal ball with me… Ah ha! I see… a woman! …She’s

wearing a…. a dress!

**Dorothy:** Is it a polka dot dress?

**Professor:** It is! And her face is careworn.

**Dorothy:** Yes… That’s Aunt Em.

**Professor:** Her name is Emmmmmmm… ily?

**Dorothy:** That’s right. What’s she doing?

**Professor:** Well, I, I can’t quite see. Why, she’s crying.

**Dorothy:** Oh!

**Professor:** And now she’s, she’s going into a little bedroom…

**Dorothy:** Does it have poppies on the wallpaper?

**Professor:** Yes! Yes, there are poppies on the wallpaper! What’s this? Why she’s, she’s putting her hand on

her heart! She’s, she’s dropping down on the bed!

**Dorothy:** Oh, no!

**Professor:** That’s all… the crystal’s gone dark.

**Dorothy:** Oh, you don’t suppose she could be really sick, do you? I’ve got to go home right away! Come

on, Toto! Good-bye, Professor Marvel, and thanks a lot!

*(DOROTHY and TOTO exit)*

**Professor:** *(Calling off to DOROTHY)* You’d better get home quickly, there’s a storm blowing up, a

whopper, to speak in the vernacular of the peasantry. Poor little kid. I hope she gets home all right.

**SIDE 2**

*(Walking through a dark and creepy forest)*

**Scare/Tin:** Lions and tigers and bears!

**Dorothy:** Oh, my!

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**Scare/Tin:** Lions and tigers and bears!

*(The LION enters, growling ferociously)*

**Lion:**  Put ‘em up! Put ‘em up! I’ll fight you with one paw tied behind my back. I’ll fight you standing

on one foot. I’ll fight you with my eyes closed.

**Tin Man:** Go away and let us alone!

**Lion:** Oh, scared, huh? How long can you stay fresh in that can? *(Laughs)* Come on! Get up and fight!

**Tin Man:** Yes, Scarecrow, get up and teach him a lesson.

**Scarecrow:** What’s wrong with you teaching him a lesson?

**Tin Man:** I hardly know him.

**Toto:** Grrrrr. Grrrrr.

*(The LION spots TOTO)*

**Lion:** All right Pee-Wee, I guess it’s you and me!

*(The LION chases TOTO, who hides behind DOROTHY)*

**Dorothy:** Shame on you! *(DOROTHY raps the LION on the muzzle)*

**Lion:** Whadcha do that for? I didn’t bite him!

**Dorothy:** No, but you tried to. It’s bad enough picking on a straw man, but when you go around picking on

poor little dogs—

**Lion:**  You didn’t have to go and hit me, did you? Is my nose bleeding?

**Dorothy:** Of course not. My goodness, what a fuss you’re making. Why, you’re nothing but a great big

coward!

**Lion:** You’re right! I am a coward. I haven’t any courage at all. I even scare myself. Look at the circles

under my eyes. I haven’t slept in weeks.

**Tin Man:** Why don’t you try counting sheep?

**Lion:** That doesn’t do any good … I’m afraid of ‘em.

**Scarecrow:** Don’t you think the Wizard could help him, too?

**SIDE 3**

*(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—