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

Script: Lion -  All lines should be memorized for audition

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Lion (Supporting) Female/**Male (Grades 8-12)

The lion is lacking in courage. Although he will act tough from time to time, his true fearful self comes out in any scary situation. The actor who plays the lion must have good comedic timing and really enjoy being onstage. This role requires a strong character voice who is not afraid to take positive risks.

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

**SIDE 1**

*(Walking through a dark and creepy forest)*

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

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*(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 2**

**Dorothy:** Your majesty, if you were king, you wouldn’t be afraid of anything?

**Lion:** Not nobody, not nohow!

**Tin Man:** Not even a rhinoceros?

**Lion:** Imposserous!

**Dorothy:** Hou about a hippopotamus?

**Lion:** Why, I’d thrash him from top to bottomamus!

**Dorothy:** Supoosin’ you met an elephant?

**Lion:** I’d wrap him up in cellophant!

**Scarecrow:** What if it were a brontosaurus?

**Lion:** I’d show him who was King of the Fores’!

**All:** How?

**Lion:** How? Courage! What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to

wave? Courage! What makes the elephant charge his tusk in the misty mist, or the dusky dusk? Courage! What makes the Hottentot so hot? What puts the “ape” in apricot? What have they go that I ain’t got?

**All:** Courage!

**Lion:** You can say that again!