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

Script: Professor/OZ -  All lines should be memorized for audition

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Professor Marvel/OZ (Supporting)** Male (Grades 8-12)

Professor Marvel (OZ) is a traveling salesman whose career of the moment is fortune telling. The audience should get the idea that he is a bit of a con man; however, he has a good heart. Similarly, his OZ counterpart, the Wizard, is a con man as well – just an average guy with a fantastic façade. When playing the mysterious Oz’s voice, the actor should sound strong and commanding. This is a speaking-only role, so we are looking for an actor who can convincingly deliver the two different sides to this character. This role has a great deal of dialogue to memorize, especially in the final scene in Oz, so we are looking to cast an actor who is really up to the challenge.

Singing? No

**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:** Tot, 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**

**OZ:** I am Oz, the Great and Powerful! Who are you?

**Dorothy:** If you please, I am Dorothy, the small and meek. We've come to ask you—

**OZ:** Silence!

**Dorothy:** Jiminy Crickets.

**OZ:** The Great and Powerful Oz knows why you have come. Step forward, Tin Man!

**Tin Man:** It's me!

**OZ:** You dare to come to me for a heart, do you? You clinking, clanking, clattering collection of

caliginous junk!

**Tin Man:** You see, a while back, we were walking down the Yellow Brick Road, and —

**OZ:** Quiet!

**Tin Man:** Ohhhhhh!

**OZ:** And you, Scarecrow, have the effrontery to ask for a brain? You billowing bale of bovine fodder!

**Scarecrow:** Your Honor. I mean, Your Excellency. I mean Your Wizardry!

**OZ:** Enough! And you, Lion!

*(The LION faints.)*

**Dorothy:** You ought to be ashamed of yourself, frightening him like that, when he came to you for help!

**OZ:** Silence! Whippersnapper! The beneficent Oz has every intention of granting your requests!

**Lion:** What's that? What'd he say?

*(DOROTHY helps the LION to his feet.)*

**OZ:** But first, you must prove yourselves worthy by performing a very small task. Bring me the

broomstick of the Witch of the West.

**Tin Man:** B-B-B-B-B-But if we do that, we'll have to kill her to get it!

**OZ:** Bring me her broomstick, and I'll grant your requests. Now, go!

**Lion:** But what if she kills us first?

**OZ:** I said go!