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

Script: Zeke -  All lines should be memorized for audition

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Zeke** Male (Grades 8-12)

Zeke is a farmhand who talks to Dorothy about her problems, advising her to just “have a little courage.” Zeke is a speaking role with only a few lines, so we are looking for someone who would like to step into acting – one who is not ready for a larger role. We are also looking for an actor who will mirror the actor who will play the lion.

Singing? No

**SIDE 1**

**Dorothy:** Auntie Em! Auntie Em! Just listen to what Miss Gulch did to Toto! She—

**Aunt Em:** Dorothy, please!

**Uncle Henry:** Don't bother us now, honey—this old incubator's gone bad—

**Dorothy:** Oh, but Aunt Em, Miss Gulch hit Toto right over the back with a rake just because she says he

gets in her garden and chases her nasty, old cat.

**Aunt Em:** Dorothy, honey, it'll have to wait. We're busy.

*(AUNT EM and UNCLE HENRY exit, each carrying a fruit box full of eggs.)*

**Dorothy:** *(Calling after them)*

But he doesn't do it every day—just once or twice a week. And he can't catch her old cat, anyway. And now she says she's gonna get the sheriff, and—

*(The farmhands, HICKORY, ZEKE, and HUNK enter.)*

**Hunk:** Come on you two, step it up.

**Hickory:** We're coming—

**Zeke:** We gotta get them hogs in.

**Dorothy:** Hunk, what am I going to do about Miss Gulch?

**Hunk:** Now lookit, Dorothy, you ain't using your head about Miss Gulch. Think you didn't have any

brains at all.

**Dorothy:** I have so got brains.

**Zeke:** Listen, kid, are you gonna let that old Gulch heifer try and buffalo you? She ain’t nothing to be

afraid of. Have a little courage, that’s all.

*(AUNT EM enters)*

**Aunt Em:** Here, here, what’s all this jabber-wapping when there’s work to be done? Go feed those hogs

before they worry themselves into anemia!

**Zeke:** Yes’am

*(HICKORY, ZEKE, and HUNK exit)*