

“THE WIZARD OF OZ” AUDITION MONOLOGUES/SIDES

Each auditioner must choose only ONE of the following monologues to perform solo at audition. Memorization is preferred but not required. Ability to best demonstrate your chosen character with appropriate voice & expression and proper posture & body movements determines casting. Director may request you perform another side in addition to your selection, but only expects you to memorize your choice. All casting comes from these sides.

Please note that during your audition, you may be given some feedback and asked to perform the monologue or song again and may be asked to only sing part of the song. It's ok! Above all, relax and have fun during your audition!

If auditioning for Dorothy, chose only 1 of the following monologues:

Dorothy 1:

Follow the yellow brick road. Follow the yellow brick road. Now which way do we go? That's funny. Wasn't he pointing the other way? Don't be silly, Toto, scarecrows don't talk. Why, you did say something. Are you doing that on purpose or can't you make up your mind? You haven't got a brain? How can you talk if you haven't got a brain?

Dorothy 2:

But it wasn't a dream. It was a place. And you and you and you...and you were there. But you couldn't have been could you? No, Aunt Em, this was a "real, truly live place and I remember some of it wasn't very nice, but most of it was beautiful--but just the same all I kept saying to everybody was "I want to go home," and they sent me home! Doesn't anybody believe me? But anyway, Toto, we're home! Home. And this is my room, and you're all here and I'm not going to leave here ever, ever again. Because I love you all. And... Oh Auntie Em! There's no place like home!

Dorothy 3:

Aunt Em! Aunt Em! Just listen to what Miss Gulch did to Toto. Aunt Em, she hit him and . . . Oh, but Aunt Em, Miss Gulch hit Toto right over the back with a rake just because she says he gets into her garden and chases her nasty old cat. But he doesn't do it every day, just once or twice a Week and he can't catch her old cat anyway. Now she says she's going to call the sheriff!

If auditioning for the Lion, choose only 1 of the following monologues:

Lion 1:

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? What makes the muskrat guard his musk? Courage! What makes the sphinx the seventh wonder? Courage! What makes the dawn come up like thunder? Courage! What makes the Hottentot so hot? What puts the "ape" in apricot? What have they got that I ain't got?

Lion 2:

Rooooaarr! Put 'em up, put 'em up! Which one of ya first? I'll fight ya both together if you want. I'll fight ya with one paw tied behind my back. I'll fight ya standing on one foot. I'll fight ya with my eyes closed. Oh, pulling an ax on me eh? Sneaking up on me, eh? Why ruff, ruff!

Scarecrow:

Pardon me, that way is a very nice way. It's pleasant down that way, too. Am I confusing you on purpose, of course not. You see, I can't make up my mind because I haven't got a brain, only straw. How can I talk if I haven't got a brain? Hmmm, well some people without brains do an awful lot of talking, don't they?

Tinman:

Oil can. O i l c a n. My mouth. The other side. My, my, my, goodness. I can talk again! Oil my arms, please. Oil my elbows. It feels wonderful. I've held that ax up for ages. It was about a year ago that I was chopping that tree and suddenly it began to rain. Right in the middle of a chop I rusted solid.

Glinda:

Are you a good witch or a bad witch? Or is that the witch? Well, I'm a little muddled. The munchkins called me because a new witch has dropped a house on the wicked witch of the east. There's the house and here you are and that's all that's left of the wicked witch of the east. And so, what the munchkins want to know is, are you a good witch or a bad witch?

Wicked Witch of the West:

Next time I enslave a whole nation, I must check out their intelligence first. Nikko, Nikko! Where is the commander of my aerobatic apes? There you are. I have an important task for you. My enemies are about to enter the Haunted Forest. I want you to rouse your men and snatch the sickening little girl and her equally nauseating little dog. Exhausted? What do you mean you're exhausted? Alright, alright. I'll conjure up a spell to take the fight out of her. Now which of my creepy crawly creations shall I send to plague her? The flibberty gibbet? No! The fly by night? No! Aha! I have it! The jitterbug! Well may you gibber. There is no more infectious bug in my book of spells. Once bitten, they can never stop dancing till they drop! And when they do, you shall be there to scoop up the little brat and the little brute and bring them both to me! Now go! Do my bidding! Fly, fly, fly!

Soon those darling little slippers will grace my dainty feet... I wonder if the winkies do shoe repair?

Wizard:

Come forward. I am Oz the great and powerful. Who are you? WHO are YOU? Silence! The great and powerful Oz knows why you've come. Tinman, step forward. You dare to come to me for a heart, do you? You clinking, clanking, clattering, collection of caliginous junk.

Munchkin Mayor:

As Mayor of the Munchkin City, in the county of the land of Oz we welcome you most regally, but we have to verify it legally. To see, if she is morally, ethically, spiritually, physically, undeniably and reliably dead. Then this is a day of independence for all the munchkins and their descendents. Let the joyous news be spread. The wicked old witch at last is dead!

Munchin II:

We thank you very sweetly for doing it so neatly. You've killed her so completely that we thank you very sweetly. Let the joyous news be spread! The wicked old witch at last is dead!

Audition Music/ Practice and Performance Tracks

THE WIZARD OF OZ AUDITION SONG LYRICS

Each auditioner must choose ONE of the following audition selections to sing with either a piano or karaoke accompaniment. Please note that during your audition, you may be given some feedback and asked to perform the monologue or song again and may be asked to only sing part of the song. It's ok! Above all, relax and have fun during your audition!

Dorothy - Somewhere Over the Rainbow:

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high, there's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby. Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true. Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me. Where troubles melt like lemon drops, away above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me. Somewhere over the rainbow blue birds fly, birds fly over the rainbow, why then oh why can't I? If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, why, oh why, can't I?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSZxmZmBfnU>

Practice track

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWTaPkqAoW0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru12qNDQ4DU>

Glinda - Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are:

Come out, come, out, wherever you are, and meet the young lady who fell from a star. She fell from the sky, she fell very far and Kansas she says, is the name of the star (Kansas she says, is the name of the star). She brings you good news, or haven't you heard? When she fell out of Kansas, a miracle occurred.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RHsb9LnD9Q> Practice track

Scarecrow - If I Only Had a Brain:

I could while away the hours, conferrin' with the flowers, consultin' with the rain. And my head I'd be scratchin', while my thoughts were busy hatchin' if I only had a brain. I'd unravel every riddle for any individ'le, in trouble or in pain. (With the thoughts you'd be thinkin' you could be another Lincoln) If I only had a brain. Oh, I could tell you why the ocean's near the shore. (You could think of things you never thunk before) And then I'd sit, and think some more...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nauLqZISozs> Practice track

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFWa5d_AA-k

Tin Man - If I Only Had a Heart:

When a man's an empty kettle, he should be on his mettle, and yet, I'm torn apart. Just because I'm presumin' that I could be kinda human, if I only had a heart. I'd be tender, I'd be gentle, and awful sentimental, regarding love and art. I'd be friends with the sparrows, and the boy that shoots the arrows, if I only had a heart. Picture me, a balcony, above a voice sings low (Wherefore art thou, Romeo?) I hear a beat...(How sweet!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_6S1N5RZrk Practice track

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mfE7OBRcH4&list=RD2mfE7OBRcH4&start_radio=1

(begin at 0:23)

Cowardly Lion - If I Only Had The Nerve:

Life is sad, believe me, missy, when you're born to be a sissy, without the vim and verve. But I could show my prowess, be a lion, not a mow-ess, never more be scared of rabbits,

if I only had the nerve. I'm afraid there's no denyin', I'm just a dandy-lion, a fate I don't deserve. I'd be brave as a blizzard...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pdh9JhwZ8nc> Practice track

Emerald City Guard - The Merry Old Land of Oz Ha-ha-ha!

Ho-ho-ho! And a couple of tra-la-las! That's how we laugh the day away in the merry old land of Oz. Buzz-buzz-buzz! Chirp-chirp-chirp! And a couple of la-dee-das...that's how the crickets crick all day, in the merry old land of Oz. We get up at 12 and start to work at 1. Take an hour for lunch and then at 2 we're done. (Jolly good fun!) Ha-ha-ha! Ho-ho-ho! And a couple of tra-la-las! That's how we laugh the day away in the merry old land of Oz.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur7GnxTkS-M> Practice track

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBPOJ7GNBXU> begin at 0:40

Jitterbug - Jitterbug Solo (It's a Who-sis...It's a Who-sis? It's a What-sis...It's a What-sis? Who's that? Who's there? Who's where? Beware!!) Who's that hiding in the treetops? It's that rascal, the Jitterbug. Should you catch him buzzing 'round you, keep away from the Jitterbug. Oh, the bees in the breeze, and the bats in the trees, have a terrible, horrible buzz. But the bees in the breeze, and the bats in the trees couldn't do what the Jitterbug does. So, just be careful of that rascal, keep away from the Jitterbug...the Jitterbug

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB9BdxPDCwQ> Practice track

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx8TOUj5KTg&list=RDHx8TOUj5KTg&start_radio=1

Begin singing at 0:42