

**Auntie Em**

**Audition Piece**

*(In this scene we see Auntie Em and Dorothy for the first time as they emerge from their house, which has fallen from the sky and landed in Munchkinland.)*

**Dorothy**      *(Offstage,)* Auntie Em! I think the storm's stopped Auntie Em, the house has stopped shaking.

**Em**            *(Offstage,)* Good, let's go see if my washing is dry yet.

*(They step out SR, cautiously.)*

**Dorothy**      I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.

**Em**            I don't think it's Stantonbury either.

**Dorothy**      Look, there's some strange people in funny clothes coming this way!

**Em**            Maybe it is Stantonbury after all!!

**Munchkin 1**   Pardon us oh great one; but are you a good witch or a bad witch?

**Dorothy**      Me? I'm no witch; I'm Dorothy, Dorothy Gale – from Kansas!

**Munchkin 2**   Well if you're not a witch, how did you make a house drop out of the sky and kill the Witch of the East?

**Dorothy**      I've done what? Oh dear!

**Em**            Hang on a minute, just where are we?

**Munchkin 2**   You're in Oz!

**Em**            Australia? G'day cobber!

**Munchkin 1**   No the Land of Oz, in Munchkinland. And we are the Munchkins...

**Dorothy**      Well it's very nice to meet you all but if you please, we really should be getting back to Kansas.

**Munchkin 1**   Can't you fly there in your house?

**Dorothy**      Oh no, I don't have any magic you see.

**Mayor**        No magic? But you killed the Wicked Witch! This is all very confusing. No matter, I'm sure Glinda can explain it.

**Dorothy**      Glinda?

**Mayor**        Yes, the Good Witch of the North. Let's call her; everybody click your heels together three times as I count to three, then shout 'Glinda'. Ready? 1-2-3 Glinda!



(SFX: Fairy spell. Glinda enters SR.)

**Glinda** Hello everybody, hello Dorothy!

**Dorothy** You know my name?

**Glinda** Oh yes my dear, I know a great many things about you. I know you're a long way from home – and your house has fallen on the Wicked Witch of the East. But I don't know who this lady is with you...

**Em** (Looks round.) Who me? I'm Emily; most people call me Auntie Em.

**Glinda** Auntie?

**Em** Yes, Dorothy's only remaining family. Brought her up on my own I have. Ever since I lost my husband, her Uncle Henry. He disappeared one day you see, many years ago. I'd sent him down the shops to fetch a tin of beans, when suddenly, a tornado struck. He was blown away and never seen again.

**Munchkin 1** Oh that's terrible! Whatever did you do?

**Em** Well, just what any decent, hard working farm woman would do. I rolled up my sleeves, held my head high... and opened a can of peas.

**Dorothy** Not quite all; don't forget Toto, he's my dog. He's here somewhere.

**Em** He's hiding round the back; maybe all this noise and commotion frightened him. Let's see if we can get him to come out. On the count of 3 everybody shout out 'Toto'. 1-2-3!

(Toto appears then hides again.)

**Em** Oh he's a little shy. Let's call him again but this time quietly so we don't scare him; 1-2-3 (stage whisper. Toto comes out.) Come on boy, come say hello to the boys and girls.

**Mayor** Well, we're very pleased to meet you all. And we all want to thank you.

**Dorothy** For what?

**Munchkin 1** Hang on, are we absolutely positively undeniably sure she's dead?

**Mayor** We'd better check; call the Doctor!

**Em** What shall we call him? Let's call him Derek. We have a Doctor Derek back home. He has a lovely bedside manner. Very warm hands...

**Dorothy** Quiet Auntie!