

## The Wizard of Oz      Audition Piece 1

(There are two parts to this audition, please prepare both parts. In Part 1 Oz is a booming offstage voice, greeting visitors to his Throne Room.)

- Oz**            I... am... Oz! The great and powerful! Who dares to seek an audience with the Great Oz? Step forward and show yourself...
- Dorothy**      Your highness, I am Dorothy, the small and meek...
- Oz**            Really? I heard you killed the Wicked Witch of the East.
- Dorothy**      But that was an accident!
- Oz**            Accident or not; you are Dorothy the Witch Slayer. And these companions, who are you? What are you? Animal, vegetable or mineral?
- Scarecrow**    One of each actually.
- Oz**            The all seeing and all knowing Oz knows exactly who you are. So it seems you have travelled far and wide to be here. What do you want from me?
- Dorothy**      Please sir, I want to go home.
- Scarecrow**    I want a brain...
- Tin Man**      I want a heart...
- Lion**          And I want some c..c..c...
- Oz**            What is it? What? Speak up you blubbering furball!
- Lion**          C..clean underwear! Oh and some courage. (*Blubbers.*)
- Dorothy**      Oh really, you shouldn't bully him like that, shouting at him when he came to you for help!
- Oz**            Hold your tongue! The great Oz is generous – and is prepared to grant your requests...
- All**            Yes?
- Oz**            All of them!
- All**            Yes yes?
- Oz**            But in return, you must do something for me, to prove you are worthy. One very small itty bitty teensie tiny favour...
- All**            What's that?



**Oz** Kill the Wicked Witch of the West

**All** What?

**Dorothy** But - but I can't kill a witch!

**Oz** You killed the Witch of the East.

**Dorothy** I keep telling you, my house dropped on her...

**Oz** Well drop a house on this one! Go forth, Dorothy Witch Slayer and carry out my request.

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*(In Part 2 Oz is discovered to be a humble man, trying to explain why he doesn't have the magic powers to grant their wishes for brains, heart and courage.)*

**Tin Man** The witch is dead and here's the proof. It's time for you to keep your side of the bargain.

**Oz** Ah well. This thing is, when I said kill the Wicked Witch of the West, I didn't really expect you to succeed.

**Scarecrow** Does that mean you're not going to grant our wishes?

**Oz** Well...

**Lion** You gave your word!

**Oz** Yes I did, didn't I? But can't you see, you good folks already have the very things you're looking for! Why you must have brains, otherwise how did you come up with the plan to kill the witch? And you Tin Man, you must have a very tender heart to be so kind and caring. And Lion; just look how brave you were, to take on and defeat a wicked witch like that. Why you sir, are a hero!

**Lion** I am?

**Tin Man** But I don't feel any different.

**Oz** Of course not. That's because people don't realise the good they have within them, they're always look for proof. And I, the all powerful Oz, can give you that...

*(Guard holds open a suitcase, from which Oz gives out gifts.)*

**Oz** Now Scarecrow, what did you wish for again?

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**Scarecrow** A speedboat.

**Oz** No it was brains wasn't it? And the one thing people have to prove they have brains is qualifications. So here is one especially for you, a GCSE grade A star deluxe, in Clever-ology.

**Scarecrow** Wow, I feel brainier already. (*Looks excitedly at it.*) If only I could read!

**Oz** And Tin Man; looking for a heart eh? Well, you will know you have a heart, when people love you as much as you love them. So here, on behalf of all your friends, with much affection, is a present. A heart shaped box of chocolates...

**Tin Man** Oh thank you. And that's the best kind of heart, it's for sharing.

**Em** Now don't get weepy and rust again you sappy old thing.

**Oz** Now Lion, you have courage already but you just don't know it. You're a super hero - and do you know how you can tell? You know you're a super hero when someone makes an action figure out of you. So here, in honour of your heroic deeds; is your very own Lion toy...

**Lion** Oh boy! It's got gripping paws, realistic fur... and it talks! (*Pulls string, SFX: "wanna piece of me, do ya? Rowr!"*)