

GUARD. Who rang that bell?

LION. (*Clutching his heart*) Don't do that!

TINMAN & DOROTHY. We did.

GUARD. Can't you read?

SCARECROW. Read what?

GUARD. The notice!

DOROTHY, TINMAN, LION & SCARECROW. What notice?

GUARD. It's on the door — as plain the nose on my face!

(*The GUARD looks for the notice.*) It's a — oh, — oh ...

(*The GUARD moves back from the window and looks off.*) Just a minute.

The GUARD disappears for a moment and then slaps a large notice on the outside of the door. After he slams the window shut, THE FOUR FRIENDS read the notice.

DOROTHY. (*Reads*) Bell out of order — please knock.

DOROTHY steps up to the door, and raising the large knocker, knocks. Again the window shoots open.

GUARD. Well, that's more like it. Now, state your business.

ALL. We want to see the Wizard.

GUARD. Oh, — oh — the Wizard? A — but nobody can see the great Oz!
Nobody's ever seen the great Oz! Even I've never seen him!

DOROTHY. Well then, how do you know there is one?

Guard. Because, because, because, because, because — he's — um, because,
— well ... if there wasn't a Wizard ... um ... why would you be here?

DOROTHY. Oh — oh, please. Please Sir. I've got to see the Wizard.
The Good Witch of the North sent me.

GUARD. Prove it!

SCARECROW. She's wearing the ruby slippers she gave her!

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Guard Entrance

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(Orchestra)

GUARD. Uh ... (*Stretches out and looks down at DOROTHY's feet*) So she is!
Well, bust my buttons! Why didn't you say that in the first place?
That's a horse of a different color! (*The window slams shut.*)

The LION looks around fearfully.

LION. Who's he calling a horse? (*Putting up his dukes.*) If he wasn't on the other side of that door ... (*There is the sound of locks turning.*)

SCARECROW. He's coming out!

LION. (*Courage failing*) he'd be on this side.

A pass door in the gates open and the GUARD steps out. Music out.

GUARD. Welcome to the Emerald City!

DOROTHY. Thank you.

The GUARD shakes hands with EVERYONE.

GUARD. Have you come far?

DOROTHY. Oh just the longest of ways.

GUARD. Believe me, every step is worth it. Have you any idea just how wonderful this place really is?

Music vamp starts.

SCARECROW. I've been trying to imagine it, but I haven't got a brain.

TINMAN. They said I'd fall in love with it... if I had a heart.

LION. It's the one place I don't need courage,
'cause there's nuthin' there is scare me. Is there?

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Merry Old Land Of Oz

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(Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Guard & Ozians:
Chorus including Beauticians, Polishers and Manicurists)

DOROTHY. There's a garden spot I'm told,
Where it's never too hot and it's never too cold,

SCARECROW. Where you're never too young,
And you're never too old.

TINMAN. Where you're never too thin or tall,

LION. And you're never, never, never,
Too, too, too, anything at all.

GUARD. It's all true.
Oh, we're not too mad
And we're not too sane,
And we don't compare and we don't complain.
All we do is just sit tight,
'cause it's all so, so, so, downright right!

The gates open, and the GUARD and FOUR FRIENDS pass into the City.