

Dear Cast and Parents of Cast,

Some things to remember as we start rehearsals...

Please bring this script to rehearsal every week.
Please also bring a pen or pencil so that you can make notes on blocking and choreography.

Please bring a snack to have before rehearsal starts.

Rehearsals are every Monday from 3- 4:30 pm. The rehearsal schedule is on page 2. Your attendance at rehearsal is mandatory. Even if you are "only" in the chorus. Everyone in the cast and every part is equally as important! We are a team working together to put on a fabulous show.

Your best behavior is expected during rehearsal time. There is so much to do in so little time.

Please make learning your scenes and songs part of your homework. Remember I cant memorize your lines for you.

The songs are located on my website.
www.impactontheroad.com/mm.html
If you have a problem downloading songs let me know immediately.
There is also a copy of the script there..if you lose your script please download and print out a new one.

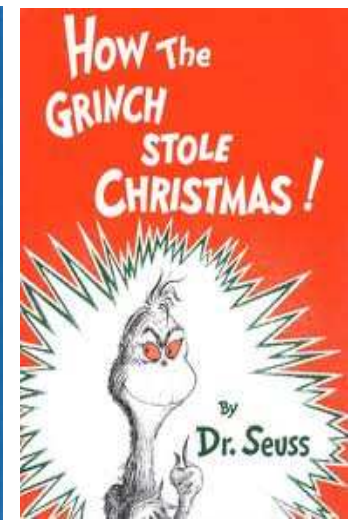
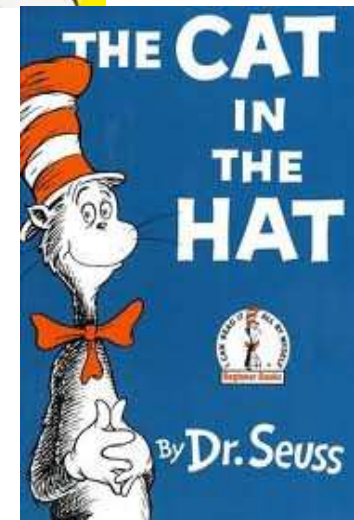
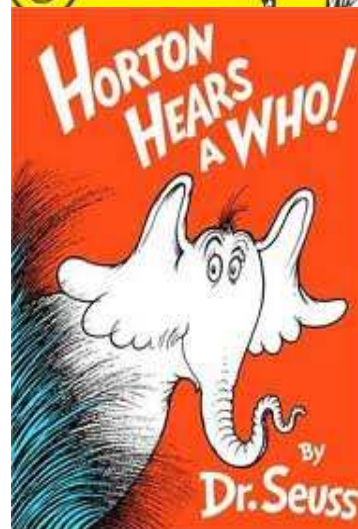
I look forward to a great experience this year!
Miss Mel



Seussical

NAME

**Adapted especially for the
Maitland Montessori School
Spring Musical
May 18th 2012**



Scene and Song Breakdown

Scene One - pg 3-6 Song: Oh the things you can think
 Characters - ENTIRE CAST

Scene Two pg 6-12 Songs Horton Hears a Who , Biggest Blame Fool
 Characters - ENTIRE CAST

Scene Three page 12-16 Song :Here on Who
 Characters - ENTIRE CAST

Scene Four pg 16 - 19 Song: Its Possible
 Characters: Cat, Boy, Mr Mayor Mrs Mayor, Jojo Who Chorus

Scene Five pg 19- 22 Song: Alone in the Universe
 Characters: Cat, Boy, Horton, Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls, Kangaroos

Scene Six pg 22-25 Song: One Feathered Tail of Gertrude McFuzz,
 Amazing Mayzie
 Characters Cat, Boy, Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls, Kangaroos

Scene Seven pg 25-27 Scene only
 Characters: Horton, Wickershams, Cat, Boy, Jungle Citizens

Scene Eight pg 27 - 32 Song Notice Me Horton
 Characters: Gertrude, Horton, Mayzie, Cat, Boy, Bird Girls, Kangaroos, Yertle, Cindy Lou,

Scene Nine pg 32-34 Mazie in Palm Beach Alone in the Universe reprise
 Characters : Mayzie, Horton, Cat, Boy, Grinch, Cindy Lou, Mr and Mrs Mayor, Jojo

Scene Ten pg 34 - 38 Song All For You
 Characters: Gertrude, Horton, Cat, Boy, Bird Girls, Mr and Mrs Mayor, Jojo, Wickershams,

Scene Eleven pg 38 - 43 Song Things you Can Think Finale
 Characters: ENTIRE CAST

Rehearsal Schedule

Because of the limited amount of rehearsal time
 the **Entire Cast** is called at every rehearsal.

Please be familiar with the scenes and songs that we are working on before you come to rehearsal.

If you are not working in the scenes with Miss Mel you will be working on songs and choreography with Miss Ali.

1/9/12	3-4:30pm	Learn Music
1/16/12		OFF no school
1/23/12	3- 4:30 pm	Learn Music
1/30/12	3-4:30 pm	Stage Scene 1
2/6/12	3 - 4:30pm	Stage scene 2 Run Scenes 1-2
2/13/12	3- 4:30pm	Stage Scene 3
2/20-12		OFF no school
2/27/12	3-4:30pm	Scene 4 and 5 Run scenes 3-5
3/5/12	3-4:30pm	Run Scenes 1-5
3/12/12	3-4:30pm	Stage scene 6 and 7
3/19/12	3-4:30pm	Stage Scenes 8 and 9
3/26/12		OFF No School
4/2/12	3-4:30	Run scenes 1-9
4/9/12	3-4:30	Stage scene 10
4/16/12	3-4:30	Stage scene 11 Run 10 -11
4/23/12	3- 4:30	Run thru
4/30/12	3- 4:30	Run thru
5/7/12	3:-5:30	Civic Center Run thru
5/14/12	3:5:30	Civic Center Dress Rehearsal
5/15-17	TBA	during school run thru
5/18/12	TBA	Show Maitland Civic Center

SCENE ONE

A strange red-and-white-striped hat sits on a very empty stage. A BOY enters and notices it.

BOY

Now that is a very unusual hat.
I wonder what's under a hat such as that.
It could be a creature they call the Ga-Zat
Who balances things on his head, cause it's flat.
Or a stripe-loving Pipester from Upper Mount Bat.
Or a sort of a kind of a hat-wearing...
Cat!

(THE BOY picks up the hat, and THE CAT IN THE HAT suddenly appears)

SONG- OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK

CAT IN THE HAT (lyrics on track different use these)
I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age!
Why, one Think and you dragged me right onto the stage!
Now, I'm here, there is no telling what may ensue
With a Cat such as me, and a Thinker like you!

Oh, the thinks you can think!
Oh, the thinks you can think
If you're willing to try...

Think invisible ink!
Or a gink with a stink!
Or a stair to the sky...
If you open your mind,
Oh, the thinks you will find

Lining up to get loose...
Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about...
Seuss
(The company of "Seussian" characters now enters)

CAT, ALL
Seuss! Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seuss!

CAT & ALL (except BOY)
Oh, the thinks you can think!
Any thinker who thinks
Can come up with a few!

BOY
Oh, the thinks you can think!

CAT & ALL
Think a trip on a ship
To the Vipper of VipP
Or to Solla Sollew...

CAT (spoken)
Think of beautiful Schlopp ...

BOY (spoken)
With a cherry on top!

CAT, BOY, ALL
You don't need an excuse!

CAT, BOY (spoken)
Oh, the thinks you can think

CAT, BOY, ALL
When you think about Seuss!
Seuss, Seuss, Seuss,-
Seuss....

HORTON
Think of an elephant up in a tree

MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR ,JOJO
Think of a person too tiny to see!

GERTRUDE
Think of a bird with a one-feather tail

ALL
Going on adventure down a dangerous trail!

MAYZIE
Think a bird who flies off on a spree!

SOUR and YOUNG KANGAROO
Think of a kangaroo, sour as can be!

WICKERSHAMS (different lyric on cd track use this)
Think of some Monkeys with trouble in store.

ALL
Think of a cat who pops up at your door

CAT
How D'ya do and hello!
I'll be running the show!
I'm your host and emcee

ALL
He's your host and emcee

CAT
I'll pop up here and there

ALL
And you'll never know where,
Who or what he might be! You'll see

CAT
Take a tip from the cat
And hold on to your hat!

CAT, ALL (except BOY)
'Cause this ain't mother goose!

CAT (spoken)
Think right over the brink!

CAT, ALL (except BOY)
When you think about Seuss!

ALL
Seu-u-u-u-u
Seu... Seu...
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss!

Seu-u-u-u-u
Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

CAT
An unusual story will soon be unfurled
Of an elephant trying to save a small world
And a boy from that world who has Thinks just like you!

ALL
Just think!

ALL
From the Planet of Who

BOY
And the smallest of small.

ALL
To the jungle of Nool,

HORTON
And the largest of all...

ALL
You think You think
And think and think and think and think
and think
And think and think and think and think
and think
And think and think and think and think
and think
And think and think and think!
and think!

ALL, BOY
Just think!

ALL
Oh, the thinks you can think
Think and wonder and dream-
Far and wide as you dare!

CAT
Oh, the thinks you can think!

ALL
When your thinks have run dry,
In the blink of an eye
There's another think there!
If you open your mind,
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose!
Oh, the thinks you can thinkS
Oh, the thinks you can think

ALL
Oh, the thinks you can think!
Oh, the thinks you can think!

ALL
Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!

Seu-u-u-u Seu ... Seu.. Seuss! Seuss!

Seu ... Seu.. Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-u Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-u-u Seu ... Seu ... Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss!

BOY
Seuss!

SCENE TWO

CAT
Our story begins
With a very strange sound -
The drums of a jungle
Beginning to pound.

(Jungle drums begin.)

CAT
Now, imagine a sky.

BOY
I'll imagine bright blue!

(BOY and CAT create a blue sky and a jungle setting.)

CAT
It's the Jungle of Nool!

BOY
Near the River Walloo!

(The CAT and the BOY watch as the Jungle of Nool is revealed. The JUNGLE CITIZENS enter, along with the BIRD GIRLS, a flamboyant "girl group" of the jungle.)

SONG HORTON HEARS A WHO

CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE

Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah dah dah
Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah

Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah dah dah
Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah

Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah dah dah
Who who wah dah
Who who

CAT
Now think of an elephant lumbering through.

(We now see HORTON THE ELEPHANT.)

CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE

Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah dah dah

BOY (spoken)
Horton!

CAT
Yes, Horton!

CAT & BOY
Horton Hears a Who!

HORTON (start at .28sec on back track)
On the fifteenth of May
In the jungle of Nool
In the heat of the day,
In the cool of the pool,
He was splashing

JUNGLE CITIZENS
Splash!

HORTON
Enjoying the jungle's great joys
When Horton the elephant

BOY
Horton the Elephant

BIRD GIRLS, ALL
Horton the elephant

HORTON
Heard a small noise.

MR AND MRS MAYOR ,JOJO(Offstage, distant and tiny)
Help! Help!

BIRD GIRLS
So Horton stopped splashing
He looked toward the sound

HORTON
That's funny.

BIRD GIRLS
Thought Horton-

HORTON
There's no one around.

BIRD GIRLS
Then he heard it again
Just a very faint yelp

HORTON
As if some tiny person were calling for help

MR AND MRS MAYOR, JOJO (Offstage, distant and tiny)
Help! Help!

HORTON
I'll help you

BIRD GIRLS
Said Horton

HORTON
But who are you, and where?

BIRD GIRLS

He looked and he looked.

BIRD GIRLS

He could see nothing there

,HORTON

But a small speck of dust

Blowing past...

(All follow an invisible speck of dust with their eyes, as it shoots past and stops in front of HORTON.)

HORTON, BIRD GIRLS

Through the air.

HORTON

I say! How confusing!

I've never heard tell

Of a small speck of dust that is able to yell,

So you know what I think?

Why I think that there must be someone on top of that small speck of dust.

(1.52sec)Some poor little person

Who's shaking with fear

That he'll blow in the pool!

He has no way to steer!

He's alone in the universe!

(2.09sec)I'll just have to save him

Because after all,

A person's a person, no matter how small.

A person's a person no matter how-

HORTON,

Small...

JUNGLE CITIZENS

Who who wah dah

who who who wah dah dah dah

who who wah dah

who who

BIRD GIRLS

So, gently, and using

The greatest of care,

The elephant stretched

His great trunk through the air,

And he lifted the dust speck

And carried it over

And placed it down,

HORTON (spoken)

Safe!

BIRD GIRLS

On a very soft clover.

(THE SOUR AND YOUNG KANGAROO makes an impressive entrance.)

SONG BIGGEST BLAME FOOL

SOUR KANGAROO

Humpf! ... Humpfed a voice.

'Twas a sour kangaroo,

And the young kangaroo in her pouch said:

YOUNG KANGAROO

"Humpf"

SOUR KANGAROO

Too!

SOUR AND YOUNG KANGAROO

Why that speck is as small as the head of a pin.

A person on that? Why there never has been!

You're the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

And I don't care who I tell. The biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool,

YOUNG KANGAROO

And I think so as well!

SOUR KANGAROO

Maybe I'm nasty, maybe I'm cruel

But you're the biggest blame fool

YOUNG KANGAROO

In the Jungle of Nool.

HORTON

It's true. Please believe me! I tell you sincerely

My ears are quite keen and I heard him quite clearly

I know there's a person down there. And what's more,

Quite likely there's two.

Even three.

Even four!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS enter - monkeys up to mischief)

WICKERSHAM #1

Ha! Laughed a voice!

WICKERSHAM #2,3

Ha! Laughed some others!

WICKERSHAMS

Ha! Ha! Ha! Laughed the Wickersham brothers!

(They dance with glee.)

Oh, he's the biggest blame fool

In the Jungle of Nool

And monkeys like us should know.

SOUR AND YOUNG KANGAROO

No, no, no, no!

WICKERSHAMS

We've been out on a limb

Lookin' down on him-

WICKERSHAM #1

And he's fat!

WICKERSHAM #2

He's dumb!

WICKERSHAM #3

He's slow!

SOUR and YOUNG KANGAROO

Uh huh!

SOUR KANGAROO and YOUNG & WICKERSHAMS

Elephants ain't too swift as a rule

But he's the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool.

'Cause he's talkin' to a speck - talkin' to a speck -

To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAM #1,2,3

Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

WICKERSHAMS & BIRD GIRLS & SOUR KANGAROO

Talkin' to a speck

Talkin' to a speck -

To a speck of dust!

WICKERSHAM #1,2,3

Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

SOUR KANGAROO

R-e-s-p-e-c-k!

Oh, please! Take that speck away!

ALL

Did you hear? Did you hear? Did you, did you hear?

BIRD GIRLS

Through the jungle, the news quickly spread.

ALL

Did you hear? Did you hear?

Did you, did you hear?

BIRD GIRLS

He talks to a dust speck!

Hes out of his head

(THE BOY instantly envisions the whole scene on TV. THE CAT IN THE HAT now plays a TALK SHOW HOST)

CAT (as TALK SHOW HOST)

Our topic today is "Psychic elephants who hear voices."

Whaddaya think, folks...

Is the elephant off his trunk?

We'll be right back with "speck", "clover", "dust", "neighbor", 'who'....

(CAT holds the microphone to the clover for a beat)

Nothing! Stay tuned - we'll be right back!

(The CAT now interviews GERTRUDE MCFUZZ, a plain bird with a one-feather tail)

ALL

Biggest blame fool

In the Jungle of Nool

GERTRUDE

I'm Gertrude McFuzz, and I live right next door.

He's never done anything crazy before.

ALL

Biggest blame fool

In the Jungle of Nool

GERTRUDE

He's always been friendly and loyal and kind.

I just don't believe Horton's out of his mind!

ALL
Did you hear? Did you hear?
Did you, did you hear?

(The glamorous and flamboyant MAYZIE LA BIRD is now interviewed)

MAYZIE
I'm Mayzie La Bird
And I live in that tree.

ALL
Did you hear? Did you hear? Did you, did you hear?

MAYZIE
Enough about Horton. Let's talk about me!

MAYZIE, BIRD GIRLS
Let's talk about, talk about,
Talk about, talk about...
Me!

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)
Talkin' to a speck
Talkin' to a speck
To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAM S SOUR and YOUNG KANGAROO
Blame fool in the
Jungle of Nool

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)

Talkin' to a speck
Talkin' to a speck
To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAM S SOUR AND YOUNG KANGAROO
Blame fool in the Fool!
Jungle of Nool

HORTON
I just have to save them, because after all
A person's a person no matter how small.

HORTON & GERTRUDE
A person's a person no matter how...

(Their intimate moment is interrupted by the others)

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)
Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of Nool
In the jungle anywhere

Check out the nervous wreck
Who's Protectin' a speck
When he knows there's no one there!

WICKERSHAMS
Actin' as if he's holdin' a jewel

SOUR AND YOUNG
Somebody stuck a trunk on a mule.

ALL

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)
Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of

ALL SOUR KANGAROO
Nool, Nool, Nool!
In the Jungle of Nool, Nool, Nool!
In the Jungle of Nool,

(The CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE begin to exit.)

WICKERSHAM 1
Better look out,
WICKERSHAM 2
Better look out, Horton
WICKERSHAM 3
Better look out
Or someone's gonna get Your clover!
WICKERSHAMS (exiting)
Better look out,
Better look out, Horton
Better look out

SCENE THREE

(GERTRUDE remains behind for one moment, looking at
HORTON longingly.)

GERTRUDE(spoken)
On the fifteenth of May, Miss Gertrude McFuzz
Discovered how truly unique Horton Was.

But she knew to approach him
Would probably fail,
'Cause who'd notice a bird
With a one feather tail?

(GERTRUDE exits dejectedly. HORTON is alone with the
speck. He listens closely.)

MR AND MRS MAYOR, JOJO (Offstage, tiny and distant)
Help! Help!

CAT
Then the voice came again.
Calling over and over...

MR AND MRS MAYOR, JOJO (Offstage, tiny and distant)
Help! Help!

CAT
So he tried to think
Who might be down on that clover.

HORTON
Hello? Is anyone there?
Who are you?

(MR. and MRS. MAYOR JOJO are revealed.)

SONG- HERE ON WHO

MAYOR
Well,

We're who's here.
We are Whos here.
Smaller than the eye can see.
It's true, sir.
We're who's who, sir.
I'm a Who and so is she.

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR , JOJO
We're tiny little people
Blowing by in the air,
Wondering how and why
We're on Who,
The ti-iniest
Planet in the sky!

(The entire WHO population is revealed. HORTON listens in-
tently and reacts throughout the entire song as the WHOS tell
him their story)

WHO CHORUS
A-ladela-deladela who who
A-ladela-deladela who

A-ladela-deladela who who
A-ladela-dela...

We're Whos here,
Win or lose here,
Struggling to stay alive.

Each gust pro-
Pels our dust. Oh,

How the heck
Do Whos survive?

At any given moment
We could crash or be drowned,
Hitting the ground, oh my!
Here on who,
The ti-iniest
Planet in the sky

(Calliope-like)

WHO CHORUS
Who! Who! Who! Who!

MAYOR
I'm the mayor.

WHO CHORUS
Who! Who! Who! Who!

MRS. MAYOR
I'm his wife.

WHO CHORUS
Who! Who! Who! Who!

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR , JOJO
Just imagine the Whos' unusual life!

WHO CHORUS
Picture the tiniest houses and grocery stores.

Who...
Tiny umbrellas that drip on the tiniest floors.
Who...

The tiniest tunnels and tiniest streets.
Miniature buses with miniature seats.
Miniature buildings with miniature windows and doors!

HORTON
No smaller town than yours

WHOS CHORUS
We've got a marching band
That is small but grand
Oh, you ought to hear them wail!
(1:50 sec - 2:10) marching band

And the Grinch is here and every year

*(The BOY is pushed into the story by the cat and becomes the
GRINCH WHOS gather around him)*

GRINCH
I re-enact my Christmas tale!
(start at 2:17)
Every who down in Whoville
Liked Christmas a lot...
But the Grinch, who lived just north of Whoville
Did not!

(The WHOS applaud with delight)

MAYOR
Imagine a place that is tidy
And totally clean,

WHO CHORUS
Who...

GRINCH
Where even a Grinch wouldn't dare to be totally mean!

WHO CHORUS
Who...

MAYOR
You think that it's heaven on earth
Yes, you do!
But heaven on earth isn't heaven on Who!

WHO CHORUS
Troubles on Who
Are the biggest that you've ever seen.

MAYOR
We're on the brink of war, they say

ALL WHOS
We're going to war, and oh my!

MAYOR
'Cause if we do, then here on Who

WHOS
Well, you can kiss Whoville goodbye!

MAYOR
Our skies are unbearably dark

MRS. MAYOR
And war is unbearably near...

MAYOR
And that's not the end of our troubles
Here...

ALL WHOS
For on the other side of town
The Truffula trees were all cut down.
They once stood tall, in all their glory-
But that's another story...

So here on who
We live in fear.
We're drifting through space
And cannot steer!
A troubled and a tiny land ...
Our future's in your hand ...

It's up to
You, sir.
Please help Who, sir.
You're the only one who hears.

You must, sir!
Save our dust, sir!
Now that we have reached
Your ears!

We're tiny little people
Saying thanks in advance
Hoping perchance, you'll try!
Here on Who,
The tiniest
Planet in the sky...

(HORTON listens to the clover with great seriousness.)

HORTON
I won't let you down.
No, I won't let you fall.
A person's a person
No matter how small.
A person's a person
No matter how small.

WHOS
Whoooo!

SCENE FOUR

An invisible world. Amazing but true.
We'll leave Horton to listen, and we'll zoom in on Who.

MR. MAYOR
Meet a tiny Who family on a small rainy day.

MRS. MAYOR
Mom and Dad are just home from the Who PTA.

MR MAYOR

In trouble again!

MR. and MRS. MAYOR,
'Cause her Thinks take her places where no one has been.

(JOJO's parents begin to scold her. THE CAT reacts with guilty amusement. We can see he's the one who got JOJO into trouble! JOJO can see THE CAT, but her parents can't.)

MR. MAYOR
I'm the mayor of Who. Why I've just been elected.
And upright behavior is thus forth expected.

MRS. MAYOR
But we've just had a talk with your teachers today
And they didn't have one single good thing to say

MR. MAYOR
You invented new Thinks which defy all description!

MRS. MAYOR
You gave Miss O'Dooley a nervous conniption!

MR. MAYOR
Your Thinks were so wild they disrupted your classes
And made Mrs. Mackel-Who drop her new glasses.
Which is why you're suspended!

MRS MAYOR
Yes, that's what they said!
Young lady, what in Who has got into your head?!

JOJO

I...um...

(JOJO looks to the CAT for help, but the CAT makes it clear she's on his own)

MR. MAYOR
Now Horton has found us. We're safe on a clover.
But clearly our troubles are far, far from over.

MRS. MAYOR
We don't mean to scold you.
We love you, oh, yes, dear.
But couldn't you try thinking just a bit less, dear?

MR. MAYOR
Stop telling such outlandish tales.

MRS. MAYOR
Stop turning minnows into whales.

MR. MAYOR
Now take your bath and go to bed.

MR. & MRS. MAYOR
And think some normal thinks instead.

(PARENTS exit, leaving JOJO alone.. SHe turns accusingly to THE CAT.)

JOJO
You got me in trouble!
Get out! Go away!

CAT
All right, I'll be going.
But first, let me say:

Oh the thinks you can think.

JOJO
Stop!

CAT
Oh the thinks you can think

JOJO
Be quiet!

CAT
As you splash and you splish.

JOJO
I'm not listening!
(JOJO tries to hum to block out the CAT)

CAT A
s you sit there and scrub

JOJO
HMMMM HMMMM...

CAT
Have a think in that tub.
Think of water...and fish!

(This catches JOJO's interest)

JOJO
Fish?

CAT
Think of pipes in the floor
Leading off to a shore
Where the water is cool...
Soon your tub's not a tub...

JOJO
It's...McElligot's Pool!

SONG IT'S POSSIBLE (McElligot's Pool)
*(Disregard the beginning on vocal track "Try not to think try t
o behave try not to think) etc. Start at Lyric below .36 sec)*

JOJO
This might be a pool,
Like I've read of in books,
Connected to one of those underground brooks!
An underground river
That starts here and flows
Right under this bathtub!
And then-
Who knows!

It's possible!
Anything's possible!

JOJO, CAT
It's possible!
Anything's possible!

(JOJO's imagination starts to expand.)

JOJO

It might go along,
Down where no one can see
Right under state highway
Two hundred and three!
Right under the wagons!
Right under the toes
Of Mrs. Umbroso! ...
Who's hanging out clothes!

It's possible!
Anything's possible.

JOJO, CAT

It's possible!
Anything's possible!

JOJO

This might be a river
Now mightn't it be,
Connecting McElligot's Pool with the sea!
Then maybe some fish might be swimming...
Swimming toward me!
(1:00 - 1:35 *Cast Enters as fish swimming*)

WHO CHORUS

Ah! Oo-wee-ee-ee-ee-oooh!
It's possible!
It's possible...
Ah! Oo-wee-ee-ee-ee-oooh!
It's possible

It's possible...
Ah!

JOJO CAT, WHO CHORUS

Oh, the sea is so full
Of a number of fish
If a fellow is patient
He might get his wish!
And that's why I think
That I'm not such a fool
When I sit here and fish When I sit here and fish
In McElligot's pool!

It's possible.
Anything's
Possible.

It's possible.
Anything's
Possible.

It's possible...
Anything...

(JOJO's parents abruptly interrupt his fantasy.)
(2:28 sec)

MR. MAYOR

Jojo! The tub's overflowed on the floor!
The water is running right under the door!

MRS. MAYOR

The ceiling is peeling! You've flooded the den!
Oh, JoJo, I think you've been Thinking again!

MR. MAYOR

I say this with firmness and terrible sorrow,
Young lady, we will deal with you come tomorrow!

JOJO (spoken)

I still think
That I'm not such a fool
When I sit here and fish
In McElligot's pool!

(2:53)CAT JOJO

It's possible.

JOJO, CAT WHO CHORUS

Anything's ...
Possible!

SCENE FIVE

(4 count into music and start)

HORTON

I've been guarding this clover
For over a week,
Getting laughed at
For thinking a dust speck can speak.
Well, let them all laugh
I'll try not to mind,
For I have found something
That they'll never find!

SONG ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

MAZIE,GERTRUDE,KANGAROOS,YERTLE, CAT, BIRD
GIRLS

There are secrets on a leaf,
In the water, in the air,
Hidden planets, tiny worlds,
All invisible!
Not a person seems to know.
Not a person seems to care.
There is no one who believes a thing I say...

HORTON

Well, I'm fairly certain
At one time or other,
Great thinkers all feel this way!

(1:04)

I'm alone in the universe.
So alone in the universe.
I've found magic but they don't see it

They all call me a lunatic.
Ok, call me a lunatic.
If I stand on my own, so be it.

MAZIE,GERTRUDE,KANGAROOS,YERTLE, CAT, BIRD
GIRLS

'Cause I have wings.
Yes, I can fly
Around the moon
And far beyond the sky
And one day soon
I know there you'll be
One small voice in the universe
One true friend in the universe
Who believes in me...

ADD IN JOJO HORTON

I'm alone in the universe.

So alone in the universe.

My own planets and stars

Are glowing.

Alone in the universe

No one notices anything.

Not one person is listening.

They don't have any way of knowing.

Nobody knows that

I have wings

I have wings.

Yes, I can fly

I can fly

Around the moon

And far

Beyond the sky

Well someday soon

You will hear my plea

HORTON

One small voice in the universe

JOJO

One true friend in the universe

BOTH

Please believe in me ...

HORTON (softly, to his clover)

Hello...hello?

JOJO (startled)

Hello?

HORTON (startled as well)

Who's there?

JOJO

It's me, Jojo. The Mayor's kid.

HORTON

I'm Horton. The Elephant

JOJO

Are you real, or are you a very large think?

HORTON

Oh, I'm real, all right. I would state that in ink.

JOJO

In my thinks, I imagine a lot of strange things

And I go to strange places, as if I had wings!

I love a good think!

HORTON

Well, for me that goes double.

JOJO

Sometimes my thinks are what get me in trouble.

HORTON

When you think, do you dream?

JOJO
In bright colors!

HORTON
Me too. And I go to strange places
Like Solla Sollew!

JOJO
When you think, do you think
You could fly to the stars?

HORTON
Little friend, no one else
Could have thinks such as ours!

(HORTON and JOJO imagine they are flying through the
starry universe.)
(4:15)

HORTON
JOJO, MAZIE, GERTRUDE, KANGAROOS, YERTLE, CAT,
BIRD GIRLS
Yes, I have wings.
I have wings
And I can fly
I can fly ...
Around the moon
And far beyond the sky Beyond the sky ...
You called my name
And you set me free-
One small voice in the universe

JOJO
One true friend in the universe

BOTH
Who believes in me.

HORTON
Goodnight Jojo.

JOJO
Goodnight Horton. See you in Solla Sollew!

(HORTON exits and JOJO goes to sleep. Suddenly, THE CAT
pops up behind JOJO's bed and shakes him awake.)

CAT
Wake up! The scene's over!
There's more to be heard.
There goes our hero. Who enters?

JOJO
The bird!

SCENE SIX

GERTRUDE
"Love Song for Horton" Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

THE ONE FEATHER TAIL OF MISS GERTRUDE McFUZZ

GERTRUDE
Doo doo, doo doo, doo doo, doo doo doo doo...
There once was a girl bird named Gertrude McFuzz
And she had the smallest plain tail ever was.
One droopy-droop feather, that's all that she had
And oh! That one feather made Gertrude so sad

She curled it. She dyed it she gave it a puff
She decked it with flowers
But it wasn't enough.
For no matter what,
It just was what it was-
A tail that simply wasn't meant
To catch the eye of an elephant...
The one feather tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz.

SONG AMAYZING MAYZIE

MAYZIE
Poor little Gertrude!
A sorry sight!
Well, I'm gonna take you under my wing
And baby, you'll be all right!

(1:33)I was once a plain little bird like you, kid.
One pathetic feather was all I grew.
I had nothing showoff-ish.
What's a plain bird to do?
And there's certainly nothing showoff-ish on you!

GERTRUDE
Thank you, Mayzie

MAYZIE
Then I made a plan for my self-improvement
No more crumbs. I vowed I would have the cake!
Yes, I went to the doctor-

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
Doctor Dake by the lake!

MAYZIE
And he told me
What sort of a pill I should take...
Now I'm
Amayzing Mayzie!
As feathered as feathered can be now!
Amayzing Mayzie!
It was all for sale!

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Mayzie!

MAYZIE
The birds are all whistling at me now.

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Mayzie!

MAYZIE
Baby, that's my tail!

(MAYZIE begins to dance, flaunting her tail. GERTRUDE watches in awe.)

BIRD GIRLS
High or low

GERTRUDE
Gee, it's fabulous!

BIRD GIRLS
Watch her go

GERTRUDE
Gee, I'm envious!

BIRD GIRLS
To and fro,-
Mayzie's fabulous tail!

GERTRUDE
I wish I had one like it.

BIRD GIRLS
Left and right

GERTRUDE
Best I've ever seen.

BIRD GIRLS
Day or night

MAYZIE
Kid, you're turning green!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
What a sight-
Mayzie's fabulous tail!

MAYZIE BIRD GIRLS
Get those pills
Get the pills
And you can have frills

Frills!

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS
For all the world to see.
And you can be amazing-

MAYZIE
Almost...
As amazing...
As me!!!

(MAYZIE exits with flare.)

SONG -AMAYZING GERTRUDE

GERTRUDE
So she flew to the doctor, the doctor named Dake
Whose office was high in a tree by the lake.
And she cried, -Mr. Doctor! - oh, please, do you know
Of some kind of pill that will make my tail grow?

(The CAT appears as DR. DAKE, wearing a stethoscope)

CAT (as Doctor Dake)
"Tut tut!", said the Doctor.
Such talk! It's too absurd!
Your little tail is just right
For your kind of bird!

GERTRUDE
(having a tantrum)
Then Gertrude had tantrums. She raised such a din

That finally the doctor just had to give in.

CAT (as Doctor Dake)

(Reacts to her tantrum)

Alright already! Bring in the Pill-berry bush!

Bird Girls

(brings in the pill-berry bush. GERTRUDE plucks and eats some of the pills)

GERTRUDE

Gulp! Gulp! Gulp! Gulp gulp gulp!

GERTRUDE

What was that?

Something's itching me!

What was that?

Something's twitching me!

What was that?

Are those feathers I see?

I think my tail's beginning!

Oh my word!

This is wonderful!

Second, third,

Wow, I'm colorful!

What a bird

I'm beginning to be...

Amazing Gertrude

BIRD GIRLS

Just look at the tail she is sportin,

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Gertrude

GERTRUDE

Thank you, Doctor Dake!

BIRD GIRLS

Thanks, doc!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Gertrude!

GERTRUDE

And hopefully I'll impress Horton!

BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Gertrude...

(She starts taking more pills)

GERTRUDE

One more pill will do me good

Yes, it will!

One more, one more, one more pill

BIRD GIRLS

Soon, she'll have the biggest tail...

She'll have the biggest tail!

GERTRUDE

I'll have the biggest tail!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS

The biggest tail of...

GERTRUDE

All!

BIRD GIRLS

All!

(GERTRUDE freezes for a minute. THE CAT IN THE HAT ,BOY appear together, somewhere "out of the frame", observing GERTRUDE in the story)

BOY

So Gertrude is happy. Her tail's nice and long.

CAT

Kid, fasten your seat belt.

'Cause now things go wrong!

(MUSIC kicks in as GERTRUDE exits. Lights come up on the jungle at night. It's dark and menacing. The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS are hanging around, looking for a little fun.)

SCENE SEVEN

WICKERSHAM #1 ,

Somethin' big is getting nearer

WICKERSHAMS #2,

Somethin' big is comin' through

WICKERSHAMS 3

Got some monkey business

WICKERSHAMS

That's what we intend to do...

(HORTON enters, clutching his clover)

HORTON

The Wickershams. Uh, hello.

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS circle HORTON)

WICKERSHAM #2

Well, it's bigger than a breadbox

WICKERSHAMS

Mm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM 3

Hey, it's wider than a whale!

WICKERSHAMS

Mm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM #1

Peanut butter breath

WICKERSHAM #3

So you're still talking to dust oh, that's hot!

WICKERSHAM #2

There aren't any Whos.

WICKERSHAMS

Come on!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS grab the clover and run.
HORTON follows them. The chase is on!)

HORTON
Hey! Give that back! Stop!

(CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE enter to watch and comment)
(THE CAT enters as a HELICOPTER NEWSCASTER, wearing headphones. SFX: Helicopter blades.)

CAT (AS NEWSCASTER)
This is the cat in the hat
Live from Skycam Five.
Folks, the Jungle of Nool
Is one heck of a drive.
We've got monkeys backed up
To the three-oh-two
I'd find alternate routes
If I were you!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS stop running and surround
HORTON, holding the clover just out of reach)

WICKERSHAM #1
Still chasing your dust?
Why it's safe as can be.

WICKERSHAM #2
We're monkeys to trust
Or don't you agree?

WICKERSHAM #3
Well, just to be sure

We are handing it off

WICKERSHAMS
To a black-bottomed eagle named--

CAT PUSHES BOY INTO THE STORY TO BECOME:
VLAD VLADIKOFF
Vlad Vladikoff!!
(an eagle shriek)
AAAHHH!

(VLAD VLADIKOFF swoops in and grabs the clover. Horton
gives chase again)

HORTON
No! Please! Wait!!

SOUR KANGAROO
All that late afternoon
And far into the night
That black-bottomed bird
Flapped his wings in fast flight,

YOUNG KANGAROO
And he paid no attention
To Horton's loud call:

HORTON
A person's a person
No matter how small!

(We see the WHOS being swept from side to side as the eagle
swoops. JOJO is with them. They all cling to one another in

terror)

WHOS (SCREAMING)
OOOH ... AAAHHH!!!

CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE, WHOS
On Horton traveled
And on that bird flew.
And, oh, there was trouble,
Trouble on Who!

HORTON
AT six fifty-six, Vlad Vladikoff dropped it
The clover went tumbling and nobody stopped it!
And head over heels, one hundred miles down,
Fell the poor little Whos and their whole tiny town!

WHOS (Scream)
Aaah!

HORTON
Oh, no!
That bird let that clover drop somewhere inside
Of a great patch of clovers, one hundred miles wide!
I'll find it, I'll find it! I'll find it or bust!
I shall find my friends on their small speck of dust.
Yes, clover by clover by clover with care
I'll listen and I'll call, are you there?
Are you there? Are you there? Are you there?

(HORTON begins his search for the WHOS clover by clover .
He picks one up, carefully puts it to his ear, listens for a beat,
then tosses it over his shoulder. He repeats this, carefully lis-

tening and then tossing. GERTRUDE MCFUZZ enters. Her
tail is now magnificent! She sings to HORTON, but he takes
no notice because he is searching for the speck of dust)

SCENE EIGHT

SONG NOTICE ME HORTON

GERTRUDE
It's taken all my courage to approach you
Not to mention all my stamina to follow you
Across the hills and deserts.
But I feel as if I'm ready
To confess to you the feelings
That I've hidden with great diligence and labor...
Behind the fazade
Of your odd little next-door neighbor.

My eyes are too small.
I have very large feet.
And I'm not very proud of my pitiful tweet
But I've now got a tail
That is something to see...

HORTON
One hundred and two. One hundred and three.

GERTRUDE
Oh, notice me, Horton, feather by feather.
This is your next-door neighbor calling!
Notice me, Horton.
Horton, together
We could be great

Oh, notice me, Horton
Put down the clover!
This is your next door neighbor calling.
There's a new leaf
Your neighbor's turned over-

HORTON
Over and over,
Clover by clover...

GERTRUDE
I was just a no one only yesterday.
You showed up and showed me something more.
Now I've become a someone
Who has someone to believe in
And to be there for...

(HORTON continues his search)

GERTRUDE
(Quietly determined)
I will not give up hope.
I was hooked from the start
When I noticed your kind
And your powerful heart.
So notice me, Horton...

HORTON
Oh, the world would be something new

GERTRUDE
Notice me, Horton

HORTON
If they noticed a thing or two...

GERTRUDE
Notice me, Horton

GERTRUDE
The way I notice you.

(HORTON continues his clover search. GERTRUDE finally exits in defeat. Time jumps to much later in his search.)

HORTON
Two million, nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine. It's hopeless.

MAYZIE
You said it kid.

(For a second, HORTON thinks he's heard the WHOS!)

HORTON
Who's there?

MAYZIE
It's me. Mayzie. Up here.

(HORTON sees MAYZIE sitting on a huge, colorful egg, in a nest, in a tree)

HORTON
Mayzie .. Are you on a nest?

MAYZIE (defensive)

Yeah. You wanna make something of it?

HORTON

No, I just never thought I'd see you on a nest

MAYZIE

Neither did I, Hort...neither did I.

I was down in Fort Worth,
Just a girl on the wing,
When I met Tweet McFirth.
Oh, could that owl sing!

It was three weeks of bliss.
Then the usual segue:
He flew off to San Juan
Leaving me with this egg!
Now I'm bored and
I'm cranky and tired
Sitting day after day.
Who knew so much work was required?!
I'd much rather play!
I need a vacation!
I'm due for some rest-
Hey, Horton, would you maybe like to sit on my nest-?

HORTON

Why, Mayzie I couldn't. Of all silly things!
I haven't got feathers. I haven't got wings.
And not only that, but I'm here on a search.
I just couldn't leave my poor Whos in the lurch!

MAYZIE

I won't be gone long, kid. I give you my word.
I'll hurry right back, 'cause I'm that sort of bird!
Oh, Horton, I promise! I'll fly back real soon.
I'd only be gone for, say, one afternoon!

(A beat, as HORTON considers this)

HORTON (relenting)

Well, we all need vacations.
All right go on, take it
I'll sit on your egg
And I'll try not to break it
But please come back quickly-
One hour, maybe two.
I need to find Jojo.
I've got to save Who!

MAYZIE

Thanks! Thanks a million! Toodle-oooo!

(The BIRD GIRLS watch as HORTON climbs the tree with great trepidation and gingerly gets into the nest.)

BIRD GIRLS

Then carefully, tenderly,
Gently he crept
Up the trunk to the nest
Where the little egg slept.
Then Horton the elephant smiled:

HORTON

Now that's that.

BIRD GIRLS

And he sat and he sat
And he sat and he sat.

He sat all that day
And he kept the egg warm...
And he sat all that night
Through a terrible storm...

(The CAT enters and gleefully squirts HORTON with a water pistol)

BIRD GIRLS

Ooh...Ahh!

HORTON

I'm cold and I'm wet
And I'm catching the flu.
Oh, Mayzie, please hurry!
I've got to save Who!
Oh, Mayzie, please hurry!
I've got to save Who!

(The season changes. THE CAT dumps autumn leaves on HORTON. GERTRUDE McFUZZ enters. Her tail is now extremely long - in fact, some of it still remains offstage)

GERTRUDE

Horton, I brought you a scarf.

HORTON

Thank you, Gertrude. Have you heard from Mayzie?

GERTRUDE

She sent a card from Palm Beach.

HORTON

Palm Beach! Gertrude, what if she never comes back?

GERTRUDE

Don't worry, she will. Um, Horton, notice anything different?

HORTON

Yes, it's g-g-g-getting colder.

(GERTRUDE sighs and exits. HORTON still doesn't notice her tail, which crosses the stage long after she's gone)

CAT

And then came the winter..
The snow and the sleet
And icicles hung
From his trunk and his feet,

(THE CAT hurls buckets of snow at HORTON)

HORTON (resolute)

I can't leave this nest.
No, I meant what I said.
This egg might get frozen
But the Whos might be dead!
I couldn't say no
When I heard Mayzie beg

Now I'm caught between a dust speck
And an incubating egg!

(Suddenly, HUNTERS surround HORTON)

Help! Someone help! Hunters! Help!

(There is chaos in the jungle. GERTRUDE tries to fly to HORTON'S aid, but can't because of her heavy tail. She wrestles with it)

GERTRUDE
Horton! ... Horton!

YERTLE
They loaded the wagon
Right onto a ship.
Out over the ocean
And ooh, what a trip!

SOUR KANGAROO
After bobbing around for two weeks like a cork.

YOUNG KANGAROO
They landed at last
In the town of New York.

CINDY LOU
He was wet. he was tired.
And hungry and cold.

MR AND MRS MAYOR JoJo
Then Horton was taken to auction...

(The CAT appears as a very proper, elegant auctioneer)

CAT AS AUCTIONEER

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Seusseby's. Our first item up for bid this evening is lot 39, a pendulous pachyderm on egg, nest and tree. The bidding will begin at ten thousand dollars. Do I hear ten, ten thousand?

CAT AS AUCTIONEER

Going once, going twice...

(The CAT bangs his gavel)

Sold...to the man with the sideburns and the greasy black mustache. Oh, excuse me, Madame! Sold...to the man from the circus!

SCENE NINE

MAYZIE IN PALM BEACH

MAYZIE

When you're down in Palm Beach
With the breeze in your hair
And you don't have an egg
Or a nest or a care,
When it's day after day
After beautiful day
To be lazing away
By the sea with(Renee),

MAYZIE

Still, I'm bored and I'm cranky and tired

Sitting day after day.
Who knew so much work was required
For nothing but play.
I need something diff'rent!
I crave something new!

(CAT (AS MR. MCGURKUS)
Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, children and creature.
The smallest of the small, and the tallest of the tall!
Come old and young! Come one and all!
It's the Circus McGurkus!
The world's greatest show
On the face of the earth or wherever you go!

MAYZIE
A circus!
I love a show!
I think I'll go!

(MAYZIE exits as the circus enters. SHE re-enters with souvenirs and cotton candy. Suddenly, she is face-to-face with HORTON.)

MAYZIE
Good gracious! I've seen you before- now, let's see. - -

HORTON
Why Mayzie, it's Horton! Remember? Its me!
I've sat on your egg now for fifty-one weeks!
I've sat here while people have paid to take peeks!
I've sat here through lightning and hail storms and snow!
Won't you take back your egg?

MAYZIE
Gee. I really don't know...

SONG AMAZING HORTON

MAYZIE
Oh, wow, it's really late!
And gee, I've got a date!
And lots of places to be.
But it's so great to see you!

Look at you!
Who would ever guess?
Look at you!
Such a big success...
And it's all thanks to me!

Amaying Horton!
That egg-sitting circus sensation!
Amaying Horton!
Even I'm impressed!
Amaying Horton!
While I was off taking vacation

MAYZIE
You made your fortune
Up on Mayzie's nest...

I may be
Unreliable.
Fancy free.
Irresponsible.
Crazy me,

Always eager to fly.

But seeing you
Gives me true delight
Just this once
I've done something right.

The egg is all yours!
No, don't thank me,
I'll cry!

(Just for a moment, MAYZIE is actually sincere and even a little contrite.)

Good luck when it hatches.
Good luck...
And goodbye.

(MAYZIE exits hastily. The other animals look at HORTON with sympathy as he holds the unwieldy egg in his arms)

HORTON
I meant what I said,
And I said what I meant
An elephant's faithful,
One hundred percent

HORTON
And now, little egg,
You're alone in the universe too.
Who would have thought you'd be left up to me,
A fool of an elephant up in a tree,

Well, this time, I swear I'll do better than try
I'll protect you from harm. Yes, I'll do it or die!
So rest now, young egg,
And I'll sing you a lullaby.

(TRANSITION. We hear a Christmas theme and we see the GRINCH on a small, rickety stage, surrounded by young Whos in homemade angel wings. One of the young Whos plays MAX THE DOG. It's the annual Who Christmas celebration, even though there's a war on. THE GRINCH is nearing the end of his familiar recitation.)

INTO THE WHO'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

BEGIN WITH HORTON SINGING ADD IN WHOS
Fa la la la la la la la la la...
Fa la la la la la la la la la la...
Fa la la la la la la la la la la...
Fa la la la la la la la la la...

GRINCH
And the Grinch, with his grinch feet ice-cold in the snow
Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"

CINDYLOU
"It came without ribbons!"
"It came without tags!"
"It came without packages, boxes or bags!"

GRINCH
"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more."
And what happened then?

CINDY LOU

Well, in Whoville, they say
That the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!

GRINCH

And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast!

And he...he himself!

He carved the beast!

(THE WHOS applaud.)

MAYOR

Thank you, Mr. Grinch. As always, a wonderful Christmas show!

And, may I say, we're most grateful this year.
Since we've all had such trouble! Much trouble, I fear.
We crashed in the clover. Things smashed and things tore.
Our town is a mess and our planet's at war.

MRS MAYOR

But it hasn't stopped Christmas from coming. It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
So let's make a toast that the war won't arrive here.
That Horton will find us. And we all stay alive, here!

SCENE TEN

(In the darkness, we see a figure carrying a flashlight. Its light reveals GERTRUDE McFUZZ)

GERTRUDE

I'll bet you forgot about Gertrude McFuzz
Well, that's nothing new. I mean, everyone does.
But Gertrude did something that few birds could do.
So this is the Tale of Miss Gertrude. Part Two.

Psst! Horton! Horton!

HORTON

What is it? Who's there?

GERTRUDE

It's me, Gertrude! Horton! OH, Horton! I was so worried Are you all right?

HORTON

Gertrude! How did you find us?

GERTRUDE

Well, it's a long story

SONG ALL FOR YOU (Verse)

GERTRUDE

I had a little trouble
'Cause I grew a little tail.
Well, it wasn't really little.
It was absolutely giant!
And it really was attractive
But you never even noticed,
So I felt a little silly even trying
Besides which the tail was too heavy
For normal flying.

HORTON
Go on.

GERTRUDE
Well, when the hunters caught you
I could see that I'd been foolish
'Cause I couldn't even help you
No, I couldn't even fly.
And I got so very frightened
'Cause I knew I had to save you.
No one else was gonna go to all the labor.
It was all up to me,
All you had was your next door neighbor.

(THE CAT as DR. DAKE enters.)

GERTRUDE
So I ran to the doctor.

CAT AS DR. DAKE
The doctor named Dake.
And she said.-

GERTRUDE
My tail has been a mistake!

CAT AS DR. DAKE
And she said:

GERTRUDE
Dr. Dake, I've been foolish and vain.

Pluck it out! Get it off!
I won't do it again!

CAT AS DR. DAKE
Pluck! Pluck! Pluck!

GERTRUDE
Ouch, it hurt a lot!

CAT AS DR. DAKE
Pluck! Pluck! Pluck!

GERTRUDE
Ooh, a tender spot

CAT AS DR. DAKE
Pluck! Pluck! Pluck!

GERTRUDE
Just a one feather tail...

DR. DAKE, GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
But suddenly, Gertrude could sail!

GERTRUDE (dramatically)
I sailed on a junk
And was practically sunk
For you.
I trampled thorough the trees
Full of furious bees
For you.
I slogged through a fog

And a choking smog
Down a soggy slope
Through a stinking bog
While my slip was gripped
By a vicious dog
For you.

GERTRUDE

I galloped through the snow ooh...
In eleven below
For you.

Yes, even though I knew ooh...
I was catching the flu
For you
(achoo!) (achoo!)
And then came the hole
Where I caught my sole
And I rolled downhill
Out of all control
'Till I broke my fall
On a jagged shoal
For you!

All for you
All for you
There's nothing that I
Wouldn't
And I couldn't
And I haven't gone through...

(With tremendous conviction and grit!)

I sprained my little toe, but
I hobbled like so
For you.
Then came the hit and run

But I staggered on one
For you.
Now, here I am,
The worse for wear
And here you are
I'm here!
You're there!
And maybe now
You'll know I care
For you!

GERTRUDE

Oh, yes. And Horton, one more thing...

It took me seven weeks...
But I found your clover,
Too!

(HORTON eagerly takes the clover from GERTRUDE)

HORTON

Gertrude...I never noticed...you're...Amazing!

GERTRUDE

Aw, it was nothing.

HORTON

Hello, Whos, hello! Is anyone there?

(HE holds the clover to his ear and gets an answer as MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR appear)

MRS. AND MRS. MAYOR
Hello!!

HORTON
Oh, what a relief! Why, hello, Mr. Mayor! Is JoJo all right?

(HE listens again)

JOJO
Hi, Horton!

HORTON
Oh, JoJo! Hello!
Kid, now that I've got you, I won't let you go!
I'll shelter and guard you, because after all,
A person's a person
No matter how small!

MR. AND MRS. MAYOR, JOJO, HORTON, GERTRUDE
A person's a person
No matter how...

(THE WICKERSHAM BROTHERS and the SOUR KANGAROO/YOUNG KANGAROO appear)

WICKERSHAM #1
Ha!

WICKERSHAM #2,3
Ha!

SOUR KANGAROO
Humph!

GERTRUDE
How did you get here?!

SOUR KANGAROO
You can't run away from a sour kangaroo
Palm Beach to Pittsburgh to Kalamazoo
And you - with your egg and your tree and your nest!
I'm making a sour citizen's arrest!

HORTON
Wait! Stop! Where are you taking me?

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS
Well Horton, we're taking you back.
You're gonna be goin' in style.
For talkin' to a speck
And sittin' on an egg

WICKERSHAM #3
You're gonna be...

WICKERSHAM #2
Gonna be...

WICKERSHAM #1
Gonna be...

SOUR KANGAROO

Gonna be...

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS

Gonna be put...

On trial!

(Segue to a courtroom in the Jungle of Nool. The CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE will serve as the jury. THE CAT plays the court's MARSHAL.)

SCENE ELEVEN

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

This is the case of the people versus

Horton the elephant

Judge Yertle the turtle presiding.

Everyone rise!

JUDGE YERTLE

Order! Order! Order in the court!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

The defendant is charged with talking to a speck, disturbing the peace, and loitering ... on an egg.

HORTON

Your honor, this clover is Exhibit A.

There're Whos here

Smaller than the eye can

See!

It's true, sir!

Here's who's who, sir!

(JUDGE YERTLE bangs the gavel)

JUDGE YERTLE

Order! Order! Order in the court!

SOUR KANGAROO

Talkin' to a speck of dust!

Biggest blame fool!

GERTRUDE

Objection!

YERTLE

Overruled!

YOUNG KANGAROO

Sittin' on an egg

GERTRUDE

Objection!

YERTLE

Overruled!

(Horton emits a tremendous angry elephant trumpet. The courtroom falls silent)

HORTON

I meant what I said

And I said what I meant:

An elephant's faithful

One hundred percent!

You can throw me in jail,
Lock me up in a zoo...
But I won't desert my egg
And I will not abandon Who!

You can do what you want with me, Your Honor,
And I won't question why.

But Please save Who,
(There is tension in the courtroom as JUDGE YERTLE delivers his verdict)

JUDGE YERTLE
Based on the evidence, I have no choice
But to order the defendant, Horton the elephant,
Remanded to the Nool asylum for the criminally insane.
And as for the dust speck...

CAT (AS MARSHAL)
And as for the dust speck...

YERTLE
We will
Boil boil boil it
In a hot steaming kettle of beezlenut oil!

HORTON
Boil it! Oh no!
No, that you can't do!
It's all full of persons!
They'll prove it to you!
Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor!
Oh, please, Mr. Mayor!

You've got to prove now
That you really are there!
So ring every doorbell.
And send out the word!
Make every Who holler!
Make every Who heard!

CAT (AS MARSHAL), SOUR KANGAROO, WICKER-
SHAMS, YERTLE, BIRD GIRLS
CHANTING
Boil, boil, boil, boil, boil!

(MR. and MRS. MAYOR appear)

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR
Attention all Whos!
Attention all Whos!
We've got to be heard!
There's no time to lose!

MRS. MAYOR
So send up a shout

MAYOR
Make it loud! Make it clear!

JOJO, ALL WHOS
We are here! We are here!
We are here! We are here!

(A silence as ALL in the courtroom listen...)

HORTON

(triumphantly)

Now surely you heard. It was clear as a bell!

Now all of you surely heard that very well!

(No one else has heard a thing)

JUDGE YERTLE

I heard no small voices

And you didn't either!

(HORTON struggles to protect THE WHOS from the mob,
holding the clover away from them)

HORTON

Don't give up! I believe in you all!

A person's a person, no matter how small!

And you very small persons will not have to die

If you make yourselves heard! So, please! TRY!

COURTROOM PEOPLE VS WHOS

Boil it!WE ARE HERE

REPEAT LOW UNTIL 'YOPP'

HORTON, MR. AND MRS. MAYOR

Jojo, think of something!

(Everyone freezes as THE CAT steps out of the scene.)

CAT

Now just for a moment, young Jojo looked grim.

The fate of the Whos rested squarely on him!

But then came a think.-

A peculiar new word no one ever had heard!

(The scene unfreezes...)

JOJO (a long yell)

YOPP!

(JOJO'S voice reverberates loudly through the universe. And
the WHOS are heard at last. The ANIMALS gasp in amaze-
ment. The WHOS gasp in relief!)

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HORTON

Do you hear what I hear? Do you see what I mean?

They made themselves heard though they still can't be seen!

GERTRUDE

They've proved they are persons, no matter how small.

HORTON

And their whole world was saved by the small- est of all!

(THE SOUR KANGAROO has a change of heart and is
slightly embarrassed)

SOUR KANGAROO

How true! Yes, how true!

And, from now on, you know what I'm planning to do?

(with genuine sweetness)

From now on, I'm going to protect them with you!

YOUNG ROO

Me, too!

CAT

Their troubles were ended, they hailed his great..

ALL WHOS, CAT

Yopp!

CAT

And Jojo was honored as "Thinker non-stop".

MR. AND MRS. MAYOR

Now all Jojo's thinks would forever be heard.

CAT

Including this think...

(We hear the sound of a giant egg cracking. GERTRUDE dashes over to HORTON and they watch as THE EGG hatches. We can only imagine what they're seeing by the wonder and joy on their faces.)

JOJO, ALL (hushed wonder and amazement)

An elephant bird!

HORTON (very moved)

Why he looks just like me. Except for the wings.

GERTRUDE

And except for the voice, 'cause that's how a bird sings.

HORTON (slow mounting panic)

Gertrude, what will I do? I'm slow and I'm fat

All I know is the earth. He'll need much more than that!

(A beat.)

GERTRUDE (very tentative, very gentle)

I have wings.

Yes, I can fly.

You teach him earth

And I will teach him sky

HORTON

Just call my name

BOTH

And I'll see you through.

HORTON

One small voice in the universe

GERTRUDE

One true friend in the universe

BOTH -

Who believes in you.

(HORTON and GERTRUDE come together over the cradle, looking down at their little elephant bird.)

CAT

The adventures were over.

The sky became...

JOJO

Pink.

CAT

And then, guess what happened?

BOY

Well, what do you think?!

FINALE (7:29)

ALL

Oh, the thinks you can think
Think and wonder and dream
Far and wide as you dare...
When your thinks have run dry
In the blink of an eye
There's another world there.
If you open your mind
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose

Oh, the thinks you can think
Oh, the thinks you can think
Oh, the thinks you can think

Oh, the thinks you can think

Oh the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!

Seu-u-u-u-u Seu... Seu...
Seu... Seu... Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

Seu-u-u-u-u Seu... Seu... Seuss! Seuss!

Seu... Seu... Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

Seu ...Seu ...
Seu-u-u-u-u Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu ... Seu ... Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

(The characters dance off, fade away, disappear, one by one.
Last to go is THE CAT IN THE HAT. Finally, THE BOY stand
on an empty stage, holding his legacy, his imagination - em-
bodied in the red-and-white striped hat.)

BOY
Seuss!

(THE BOY pulls the CAT'S hat on, and it comes down over
his eyes, causing a...

Blackout!)

The End!

Seussical Cast

Ariella Allen	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Yasmine Allen	Who Chorus Jungle Citizen
Alec Bankston.....	Wickersham #1, Who Chorus
Victoria Bayard.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Brielle Bennett.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Camilla Bennett.....	Jojo
Duggan Benson.....	Wickersham #2, Who Chorus
Nora Kate Bethea	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Donna Bolen.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Fury Brightwell.....	Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Livia Carr.....	Cat in the Hat
Sophia Carr.....	Judge Yertle, Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Hannah Crosby	Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Emma Daniels.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Lukas Desjardins.....	Horton
Danielle Dietz.....	Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Stephanie Dietz.....	Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Lindsey Elliot.....	Young Kangaroo
Vianna Engelhardt.....	Gertrude
Caiti Fallon.....	Cindy Lou Who, Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Harrison Hennessey.....	Wickersham #3, Who Chorus
Maya Herbert.....	Mrs. Mayor, Bird Girl
Nina Johansson.....	Bird Girl, Who Chorus
Amanda Jones.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Carla Jones.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Melina King.....	Who Chorus Jungle Citizen
Addie Klein.....	Sour Kangaroo
Jackie Nagy.....	Mayzie
Adam Persad.....	Boy, Vlad Vladikoff, Grinch
August Pleveich.....	Mr Mayor, Wickersham
Gabriel Romano.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen
Nikhil Sanghrajka.....	Wickersham, Who Chorus,
Nadine Taylor.....	Who Chorus, Jungle Citizen