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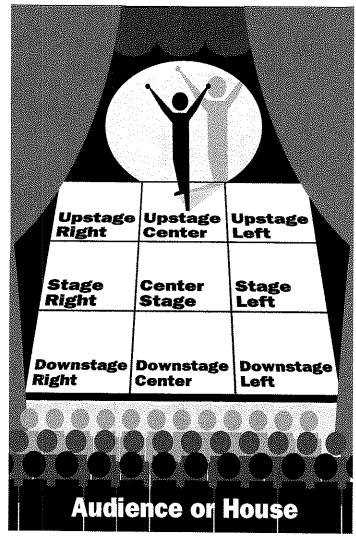
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# welcome to the thetater

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

You'll be working with your **creative team** and fellow **cast** members to put on a **musical**. Before you begin **rehearsals**, there are some important things you should know.

This book is your script. Whether putting on a school production or rehearsing a professional show. every actor, director and stage manager works from a script. Your script contains some additional information like this introduction and a glossary. You can look up any bold words in the glossary at the back of this book. Be sure to take good care of your script, and use a pencil when taking notes in it, since what you'll be



doing onstage can change during rehearsals.

One of the first things you'll need to learn is what to call the various areas of the stage. Since most stages used to be **raked**, or tilted down toward the **house**, where the audience sits, we still use the term **downstage** to refer to the area closest to the audience and **upstage** to refer to the area furthest from the audience. **Stage left** and **stage right** are from the actor's perspective when facing the audience. The diagram above shows how to use these terms to label nine different parts of the stage.

# what to expect during rehearsals

ou will be performing a musical, a type of play that tells a story through songs, dances and dialogue. Because there are so many parts of a musical, most shows have more than one author. The composer writes the music and usually works with a lyricist, who writes the lyrics, or words, to the songs. The book writer writes the dialogue (spoken words, or lines) and the stage directions, which tell the actors what to do onstage and what music cues to listen for.

Your **director** will plan rehearsals so that the cast is ready to give its best performance on **opening night!** Remember to warm up before each rehearsal so that your mind, body and voice are ready to go. Every rehearsal process is a little bit different, but here is an idea of what you can expect as you begin to work on your show.

#### music:

Since you're performing a musical, it is important to learn the music early on in the rehearsal process. Your **music director** will teach the cast all the songs in the show and tell you what to practice at home.

#### choreography:

After you've got the music down, you'll begin working on the choreography – or dance – in the show. Your **choreographer** will create the dances and teach them to the cast. The music and the choreography help tell the story.

#### blocking & scene work:

Your director will block the show by telling the cast where to stand and how to move around the stage. You'll use your theater terms (downstage left, upstage right, etc.) a lot during this portion of the rehearsal process. You will also practice speaking your lines and work on memorizing them. Rehearsing your part from memory is called being off-book. Your director will help you understand the important action in each scene so you can make the best choices for your character's objective, or what your character wants.

## make the script

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Always write your name legibly, either in the space provided on the cover of your script or on the title page. Scripts have a way of getting lost or changing hands during rehearsals!



Mark your lines and lyrics with a bright-colored highlighter to make your part stand out on the page. This will allow you to look up from your script during rehearsals, since it will be easier to find your place when you look back down.



Underline important stage directions, lines, lyrics and individual words. For example, if your line reads, "But don't worry, I ain't gonna let them get you or me," and your director wants you to stress the words "you or me," underline those words in your script.



Save time and space by using the following standard abbreviations:

ON: onstage

**OFF**: offstage

**US:** upstage

DS: downstage

**SL:** stage left

SR: stage right

CS: center stage X: cross

You may use these abbreviations to modify other instructions (e.g., you could write "R hand up" to remind yourself to raise your right hand). You may also combine them in various ways (e.g., you could write "XDSR" to remind yourself to cross downstage right).



Draw diagrams to help clarify your blocking. For example, if you are instructed to walk in a circle around a table, you might draw a box to represent the table, then draw a circle around it with an arrow indicating the direction in which you are supposed to walk.



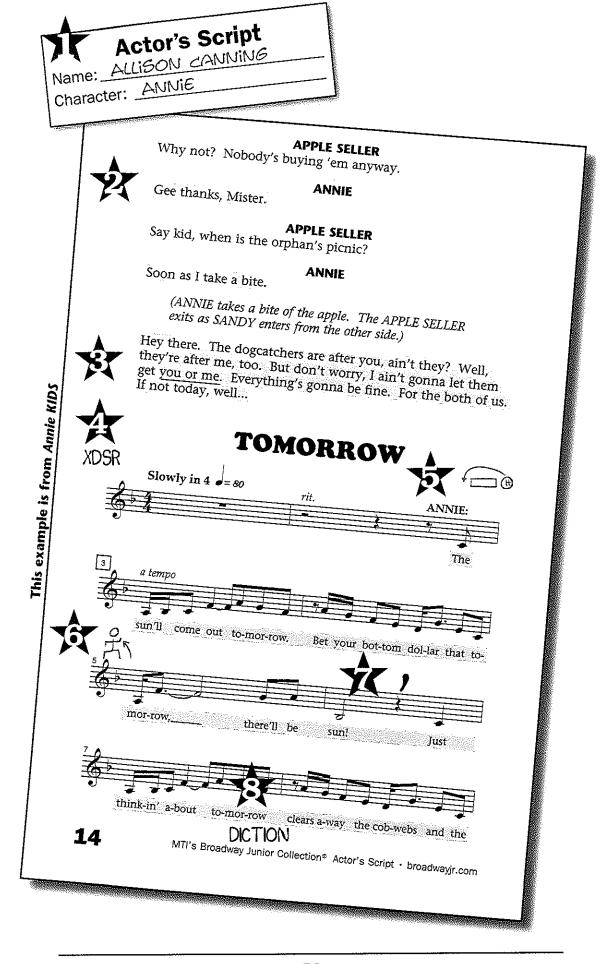
Draw stick figures to help you remember your choreography. Remember, the simpler the better.



Mark your music with large commas to remind yourself where to take breaths while singing.



Although you should feel free to mark up your script, be careful it doesn't become so cluttered with notes that you have a hard time finding your lines on the page!



## some tips for the

# theater

Don't upstage
yourself. **Cheat out**so the audience
can always see
your face and hear
your voice.

Always arrive at rehearsal **on time** and ready to begin. Keep going! If you forget a line or something unexpected happens, keep the scene moving forward. Chances are, the audience won't even notice.

Remember to
thank the director
and fellow
cast and crew
members.

It takes an
ensemble to
make a show;
everyone's part
is important.

Be **respectful** of others at all times.

If you are having trouble memorizing your lines, try writing them down or speaking them aloud.

Bring your script and a pencil to every rehearsal. Be specific! Make clear choices about your character's background and motivation in the show.

Before the show,
say "break a
leg" – which
means
"good luck" in
the theater.

Always be quiet
backstage. And keep
in mind, if you can see
the audience, they can
see you, so stay out
of sight.

# HAVE FUN

## Seussical™ KIDS synopsis

As a CHILD stumbles upon a lone red-and-white-striped hat, its curious owners, the CATS IN THE HATS (CAT 1, 2 and 3) appear and introduce the boy to the wondrous world of Seuss (Oh, The Thinks You Can Think!). The Cats begin their tales with the story of HORTON the Elephant who lives in the Jungle of Nool with JUNGLE CITIZENS (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) and several other unique creatures. One day, Horton is enjoying his bath when he hears a voice on a speck of dust asking for help (Horton Hears A Who). Though puzzled, Horton delicately places the speck onto a clover just as SOUR KANGAROO and YOUNG KANGAROO bounce along. They "humpf" at the idea that there could be a person on the speck. The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS (1, 2 and 3), a trio of monkeys, join in on teasing Horton for believing such nonsense. A TALK **SHOW HOST** interviews **GERTRUDE** MCFUZZ and MAYZIE LABIRD on the topic of "Psychic Elephants Who Hear Voices." The cries for help return, and this time MR. MAYOR and MRS. MAYOR reveal themselves to Horton as citizens of a tiny place called Whoville, along with the rest of the WHOS (Here On Who). At this point, the Child from the beginning becomes **JOJO**, their son, and is blamed for what are actually the Cats' mischievous ways. JoJo is left to take his bath, but the Cats aren't done leading the boy into greater adventures (Oh, The Things You Can Think! - Reprise). The Cats and JoJo are swept underwater with FISH all around in McElligot's Pool (It's Possible - Part 1 and Part 2).

Meanwhile, Horton guards the clover and believes in the Whos despite the other animals' judgments (Alone In The Universe). Horton and JoJo bond in their imaginations, and just as JoJo begins to fall asleep, the Cats wake him to tell him the story of Gertrude McFuzz (The One Feather Tail Of Miss Gertrude McFuzz). Gertrude tries everything to impress Horton, selfconscious of her small, plain tail. He never notices, and as she concludes her sad tale, the Wickersham Brothers return to steal the clover away (Monkey Around/Chasing The Whos). Horton chases them through great stretches of jungles, beaches and sand, but the monkeys hand over the clover to VLAD **VLADIKOFF**, who drops the Whos into a field of clovers. Mayzie reappears and asks Horton if he would consider sitting on her egg. Horton agrees (Horton Sits On The Egg/Dilemma).

Finally, after fifty-one weeks, Mayzie returns. Horton pleads with Mayzie to take her egg back, but Mayzie relinquishes her responsibility. Horton tells the egg that he'll protect it and sings the egg a lullaby (Solla Sollew). Just as things seem hopeless, Gertrude McFuzz appears with the clover and the Whos intact (The Whos Return).

As Horton is reunited with the Whos, he is taken to court for "talking with a speck, disturbing the peace, and loitering... on an egg." **JUDGE YERTLE** remands Horton to the Nool Asylum and decides that the dust speck be boiled in a kettle of beezlenut oil. JoJo saves the day (Yopp!), and is honored as "Thinker Nonstop." Horton's egg hatches and an Elephant Bird emerges.

As the adventure comes to an end (Oh, The Thinks You Can Think – Finale), JoJo reappears with the Cats' hat and pulls it over his eyes, ending this story with one last reprise (Green Eggs And Ham – Bows).

## Seussical KIDS

# characters

Child/JoJo

Cat 1

Cat 2

Cat 3

Horton

The Whos

Gertrude McFuzz

Mayzie LaBird

Sour Kangaroo

Wickersham 1

Wickersham 2

Wickersham 3

Jungle Citizen 1

Jungle Citizen 2

Jungle Citizen 3

Jungle Citizen 4

Jungle Citizen 5

Mr. Mayor

Mrs. Mayor

Young Kangaroo

Talk Show Host

Vlad Vladikoff

Marshal

Judge Yertle

**Ensemble:** 

The Whos

Wickershams

Jungle Citizens

Fish



## Seussical™ KIDS

## **Icon Notes Key**

otice that we have included notes on the left side of each page, called "icon notes." These notes are based on our experience directing this show with age-appropriate performers. They are designed to provide you with insider information from someone who has successfully completed the task you are currently undertaking: directing this musical. Read them for expert strategies and specific insights on producing a successful musical.

The icon notes are broken into the following categories, described below:



#### CHOREOGRAPHY

Choreography notes augment the Choreography DVD by offering additional information and support on how best to choreograph the show and when to use the DVD.



#### COSTUME

Costume notes suggest specific costume needs or challenges.



#### DIRECTING

Directing notes provide special insight and professional tips on how to effectively direct the show.



Lighting notes offer ideas on how to light the show on any budget.



Music notes provide insight, hints and troubleshooting suggestions specific to the music direction of the show.



Music cues inform when the music of a given song or underscoring should begin. Note, this information is also provided as a reproducible form called the "Sound Cue Sheet" and is located in the Resources section of this guide.



Prop notes offer insight into the props required for the show.



Set notes offer suggestions and insight concerning the scenery and furniture used in the show.



#### **STAGING**

Staging notes offer suggestions regarding the placement of the actors on the stage. This may include reminders as to which character should be the focus of a given scene, detailing any complex stage action or offering blocking suggestions.



(#1 – OVERTURE begins. A red-and-white-striped hat sits on a very empty stage. A CHILD (JOJO) enters and notices it.)

#### **CHILD**

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 Or a sort of a kind of a hat-wearing...

(The CHILD picks up the hat, and CAT 1, CAT 2 and CAT 3 suddenly appear.)

CATS, CHILD

Cat!

(#2 - OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK! begins.)

# OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!

CAT 1: I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age! CAT 2: Why, one Think and you dragged me right onto the stage!



**CAT 3:** Now, I'm here, there is no telling what may ensue...

CATS: ... with a Cat such as me and a Thinker like you!



(The CATS begin to "create" the Seussian world of imagination for the CHILD, who will enter this world and become JOJO.)

#### Bright "4", With Mischief



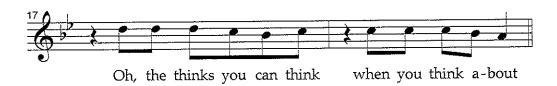




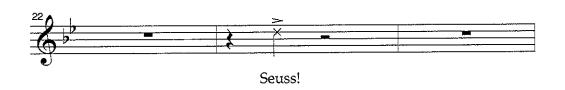




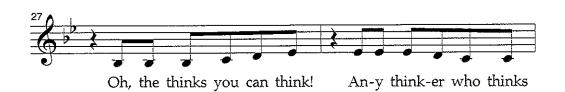










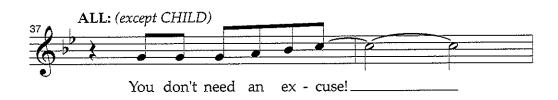


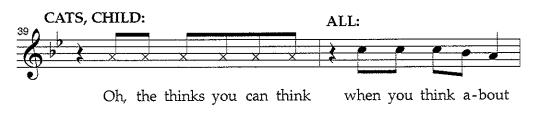






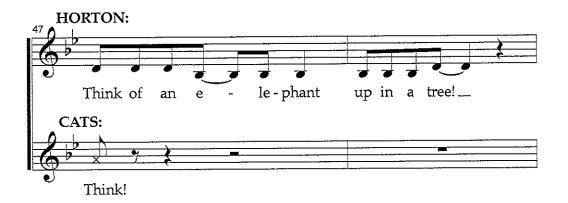














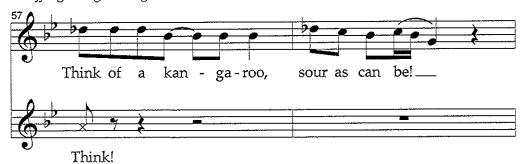






#### SOUR KANGAROO:

(riffing and growling)









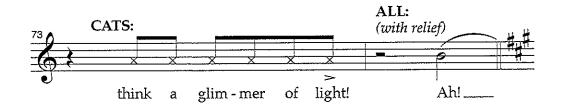
















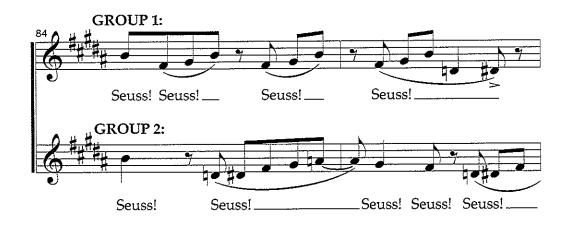


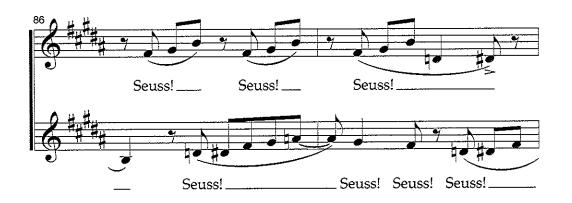
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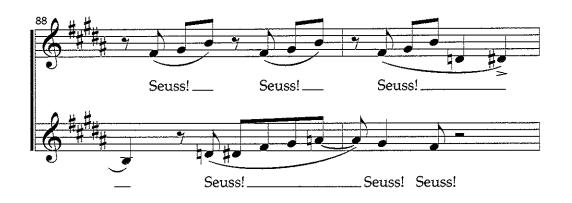


When you think a-bout Seuss!

When you think a-bout









#### CAT 1

An unusual story will soon be unfurled...

#### CAT 2

Of an elephant trying to save a small world...

#### CAT 3

Our story begins with a very strange sound:

#### CAT 1

The drums of a jungle beginning to pound!

(The COMPANY begins drumming.)

#### CAT 2

Now, think of an elephant lumbering through.

**CHILD** 

Horton.

CAT 3

Yes, Horton!
Horton hears a Who!

(The COMPANY creates the Jungle of Nool. The COMPANY becomes the JUNGLE CITIZENS and makes the sounds of a jungle.)

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 1**

On the fifteenth of May in the Jungle of Nool—

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 2**

In the heat of the day in the cool of the pool—

#### JUNGLE CITIZEN 3

He was splashing.

**ALL** 

Splash!!!!

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 4**

Enjoying the jungle's great joys—

#### JUNGLE CITIZEN 5

When Horton the Elephant heard a small noise.

#### MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR

(offstage) Help! Help!

(HORTON notices a floating speck of dust.)

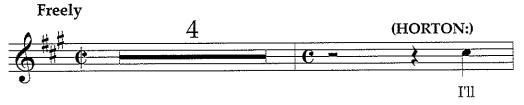
#### **HORTON**

Look! A small speck of dust
Blowing past, through the air.
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? I think that there must
Be someone on top of that small speck of dust.

(#3 - HORTON HEARS A WHO begins.)

### **HORTON HEARS A WHO**

(HORTON:) He's alone in the universe.











#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 1**

So, gently, and using the greatest of care

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 2**

The elephant stretched his great trunk through the air

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 3**

And he lifted the dust speck and carried it over

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 4**

And placed it down safely on a very soft clover.

(The SOUR KANGAROO and the YOUNG KANGAROO enter.)

#### **SOUR KANGAROO**

Humpf!... humpfed a voice. 'Twas the Sour Kangaroo. And the Young Kangaroo in her pouch said:

#### **YOUNG KANGAROO**

"Humpf!" too!

#### **SOUR KANGAROO**

Why, that speck is as small as the head of a pin. A person on that? Why, there never has been!

#### YOUNG KANGAROO

Humpf!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS enter. They are a group of monkeys.)

#### **WICKERSHAM 1**

Ha! Laughed a voice!

#### WICKERSHAM 2

Ha! Laughed some others!

#### **WICKERSHAMS**

<u>Ha! Ha! Ha!</u> Laughed the Wickersham Brothers!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS, SOUR KANGAROO and YOUNG KANGAROO all point at HORTON and laugh. They whisper to the JUNGLE CITIZENS.)

#### **JUNGLE CITIZEN 5**

Through the jungle, the news quickly flew! He talks to a dust speck!

#### CHILD

It's on Channel Two!

(The CHILD (JOJO) instantly envisions the whole scene on TV.)

#### TALK SHOW HOST

Our topic today is "Psychic Elephants Who Hear Voices." Whaddaya think, folks? Is the elephant off his trunk?

(GERTRUDE is now speaking on camera.)

#### **GERTRUDE**

I'm Gertrude McFuzz, and I live right next door. He's never done anything crazy before. He's always been friendly and loyal and kind. I just don't believe Horton's out of his mind!

(MAYZIE interrupts.)

#### MAYZIE

I'm Mayzie LaBird And I live in that tree. Enough about Horton. Let's talk about me!

(HORTON now pleads his case.)

#### **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...

(Everyone laughs at HORTON and GERTRUDE.)

#### JUNGLE CITIZENS

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

(Everyone exits laughing, leaving HORTON alone. The CATS and the CHILD (JOJO) are off to one side of the stage.)

MR. MAYOR

(offstage) Help! Help!

CAT 1

Horton soon heard a voice, Calling over and over—

MR. MAYOR

(offstage) Help!

CAT 2

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

CAT 3

An invisible world! Amazing but true! And guess who now enters the story?

**CHILD** 

Who?

(The CHILD becomes JOJO. JOJO joins the WHOS who have entered the stage.)

**CATS** 

You!

(#4 - HERE ON WHO begins.)

### HERE ON WHO

HORTON: Hello? Is anyone there? Who are you?

L'istesso

3 MR. MAYOR: WHOS:

Well, We're

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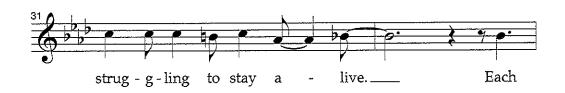






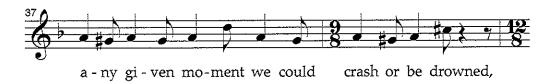






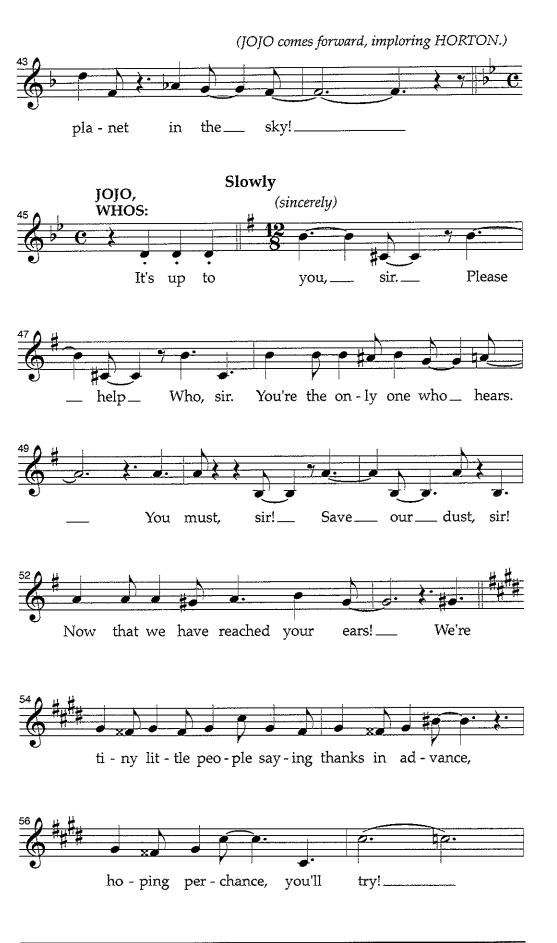
















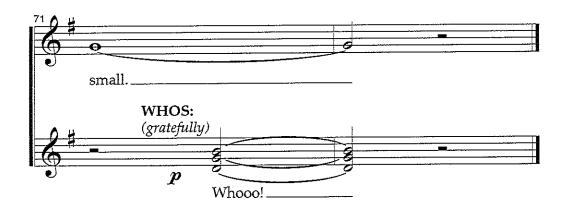
(We see HORTON in the jungle, listening to the clover.)











(HORTON lumbers offstage. MR. MAYOR and MRS. MAYOR step away from the crowd toward JOJO.)

#### MR. MAYOR

JoJo!

I'm the Mayor of Who. Why, I've just been elected. And upright behavior is thus forth expected.

#### MRS. MAYOR

We've just had a talk with your teachers today—And they didn't have one single good thing to say!

#### MR. MAYOR

Your Thinks were so wild they disrupted your classes.

#### MRS. MAYOR

And made Mrs. Mackel-Who drop her new glasses.

#### 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 and MRS. MAYOR exit, leaving JOJO alone to take his bath. He turns to the CATS. #5 – OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK! (REPRISE) begins.)

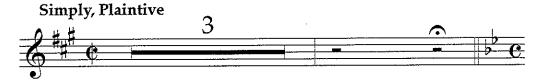
# OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK! (REPRISE)

JOJO: You got me into trouble!

Get out! Go away!

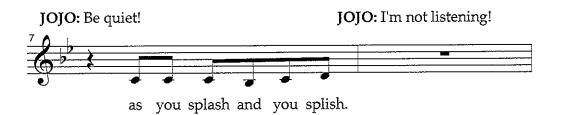
CATS: Alright. We'll be going.

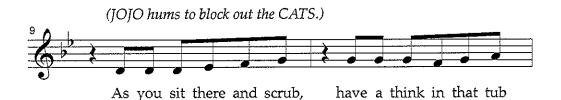
(CATS:) But first, let us say:





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





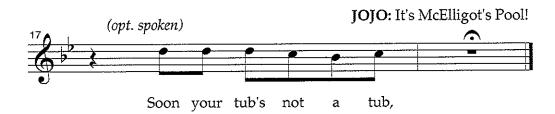


Think of wa-ter... and fish!



Think of pipes in the floor \_\_\_\_ lead-ing off to a shore





(The CATS run and hide. <u>#6 – IT'S POSSIBLE (PART 1)</u> begins.)

### IT'S POSSIBLE (PART 1)







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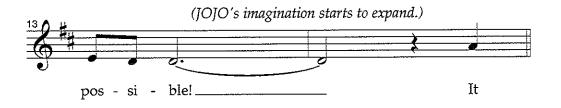


un-der-ground ri - ver that starts here and flows right



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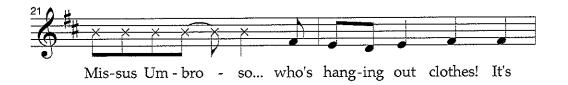


might go a-long, \_\_ down where no one can see, right



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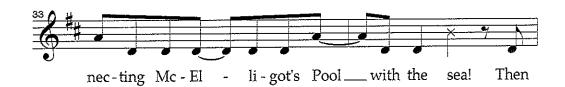










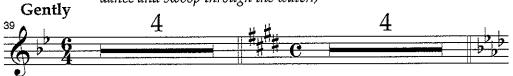




may-be some fish\_ might be swim-ming... swim-ming toward

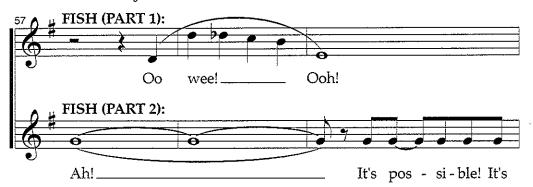


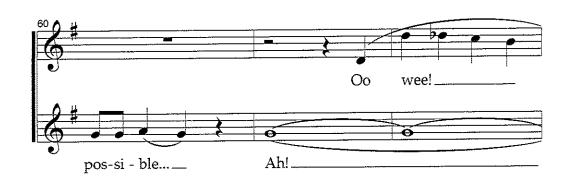
(We are suddenly underwater. Strange FISH appear, all shapes and sizes, wildly colored and wildly improbable. The FISH dance and swoop through the water.)



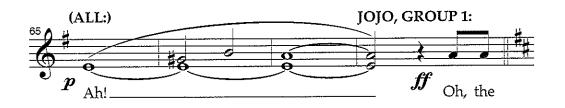


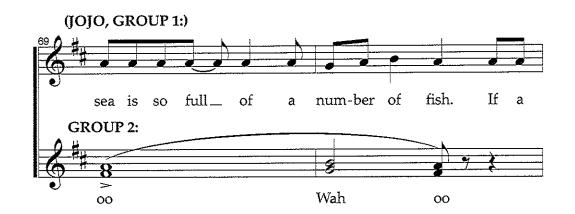
(a la the Beach Boys)

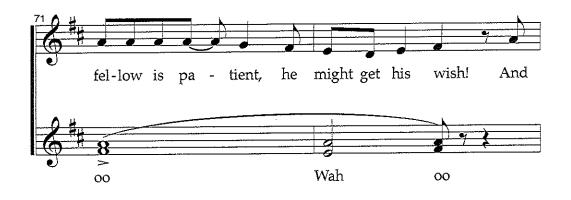




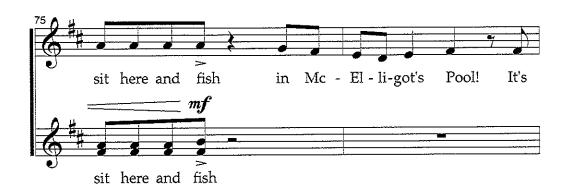


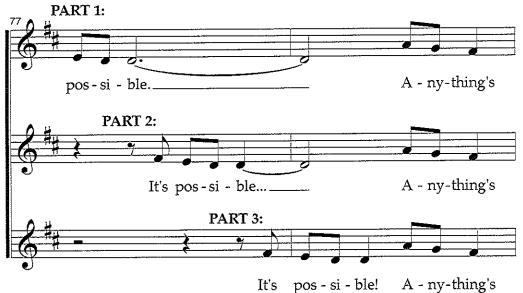


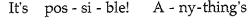


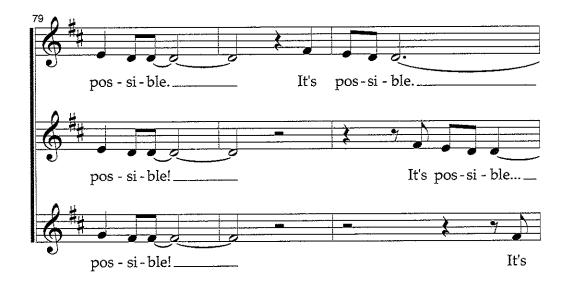


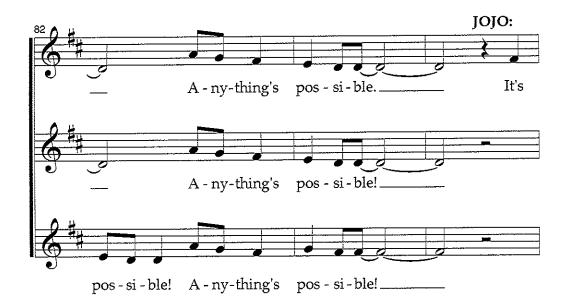














(MR. MAYOR and MRS. MAYOR enter, bearing mops.)

### 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

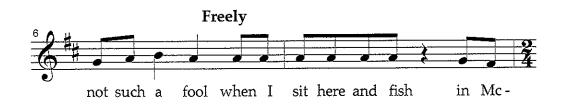
I say this with firmness and terrible sorrow. Young man, we will deal with you come tomorrow!

(#7 - IT'S POSSIBLE (PART 2) begins.)

# IT'S POSSIBLE (PART 2)

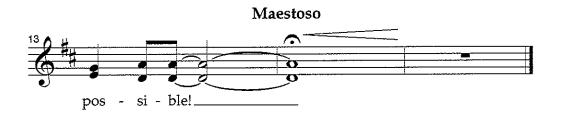
(MR. MAYOR and MRS. MAYOR exit.)











(The scene shifts to HORTON, alone, guarding his clover. Night falls.)

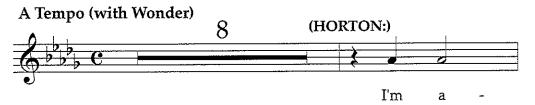
### **HORTON**

I've been guarding this clover For over a week, Getting laughed at For thinking a dust speck can speak.

(#8 – ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE begins.)

# **ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE**

(HORTON:) Well let them all laugh, I'll try not to mind, For I have found something that they'll never find!

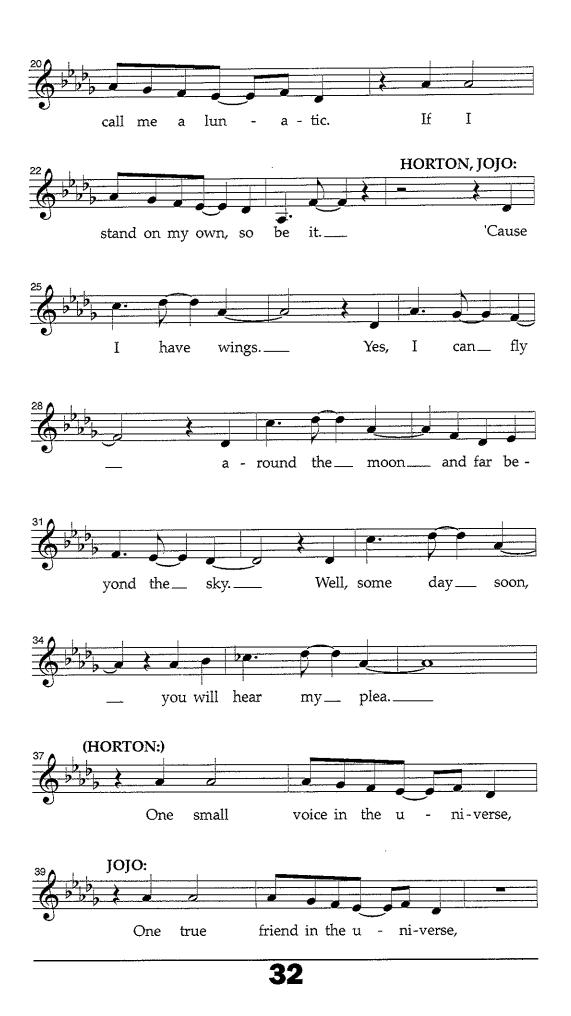














(HORTON:) (casually, to his clover) Hello... hello?

JOJO: (startled) Hello? HORTON: Who's there?

JOJO: It's me, JoJo. The Mayor's son. 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.

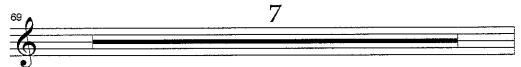
JOJO: Sometimes my Thinks are what get me in trouble.

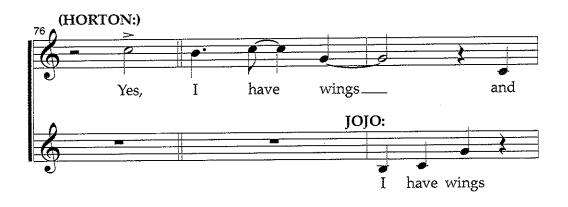
HORTON: When you think, do you dream?

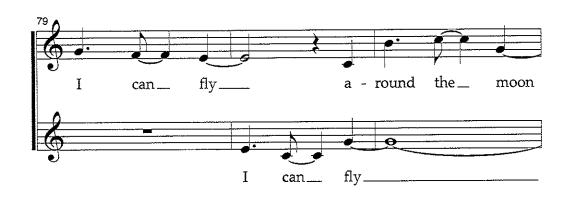
JOJO: In bright colors! HORTON: Me, too.

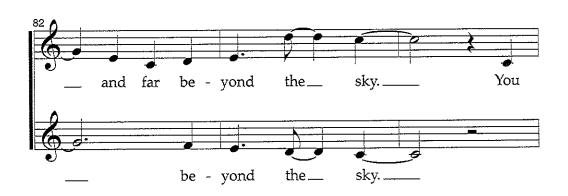


(HORTON:) And I go to strange places. Like Solla Sollew! JOJO: When you think, do you think you could fly to the stars? HORTON: Little friend, no one else could have Thinks such as ours!







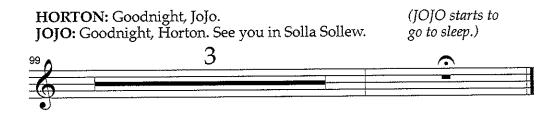












(Suddenly, the CATS appear and shake him awake.)

### CAT 1

Wake up! The scene's over!

#### CAT 2

There's more to be heard.

(HORTON lumbers offstage. CAT 3 points at HORTON.)

#### CAT 3

There goes our hero. Who enters?

#### **CATS**

The bird!

#### **GERTRUDE**

"Song for Horton," Number Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

(GERTRUDE enters with a guitar. She begins to play and sing. #9 – THE ONE FEATHER TAIL OF MISS GERTRUDE MCFUZZ begins.)

# THE ONE FEATHER TAIL OF MISS GERTRUDE MCFUZZ

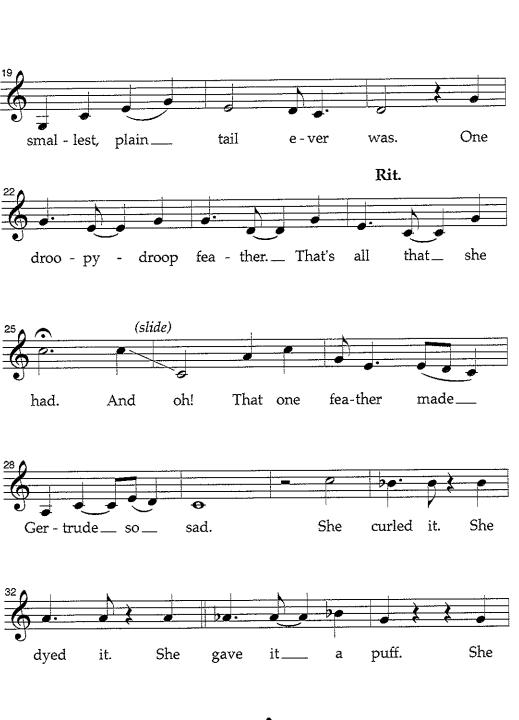
(GERTRUDE strums the guitar.)







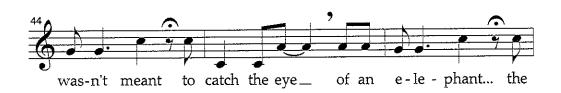










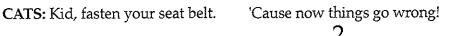




**JOJO**Well, Gertrude seems lonely, but she sang a nice song.

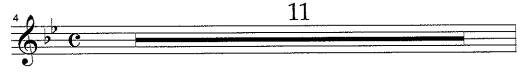
(#10 – MONKEY AROUND/CHASING THE WHOS begins.)

# MONKEY AROUND/ CHASING THE WHOS





(Music kicks in as GERTRUDE exits. We hear percussion and vocal jungle noises. Lights come up on the jungle at night. It's dark and menacing. The JUNGLE CITIZENS are there. The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS appear, looking for trouble.)





CITIZENS:

#### **WICKERSHAM 3:**













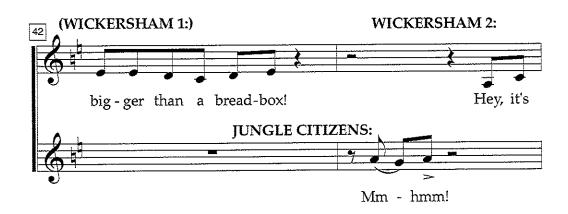




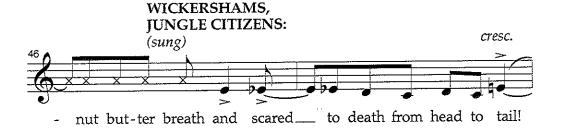
We're gon-na mon-key. Ooh, \_\_we're gon-na mon-key a-round!

(HORTON enters, whistling, clutching his clover.) **HORTON:** The Wickershams. Uh, hello.
(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS circle HORTON.)

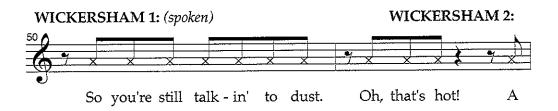


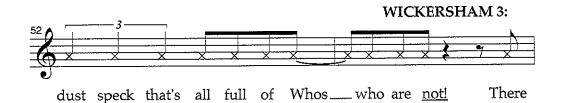


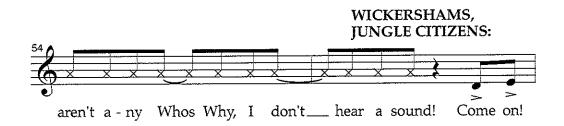


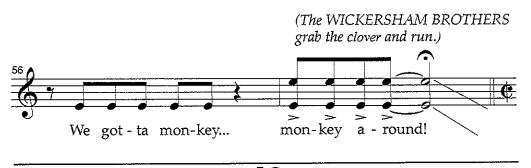




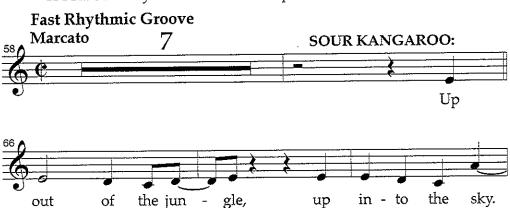






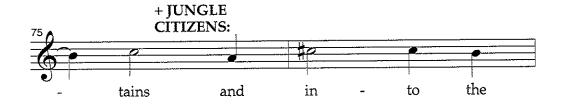


(HORTON follows them. The chase is on! The whole world begins to rush by.)
HORTON: Hey! Give that back! Stop!

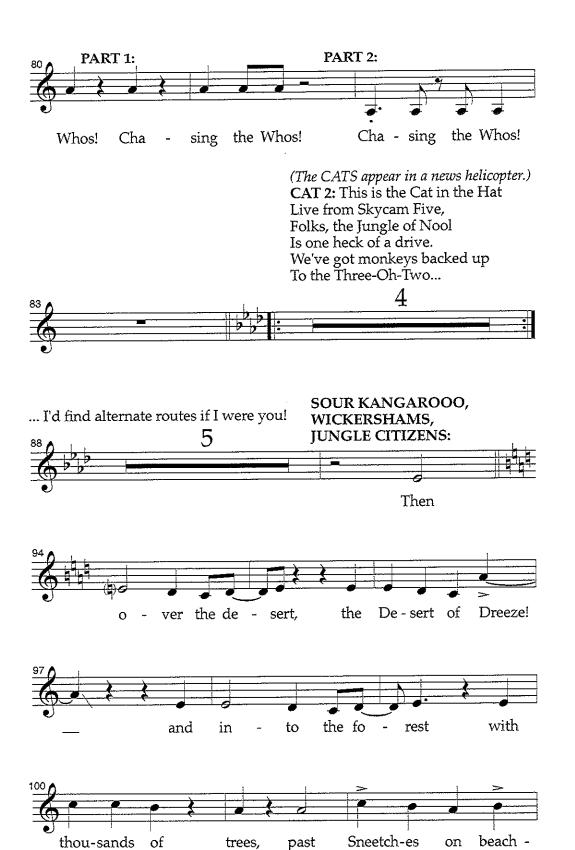


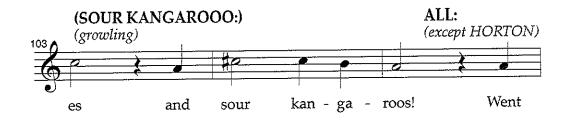


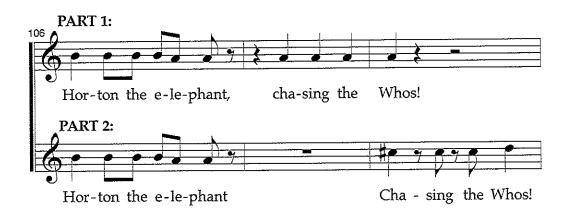


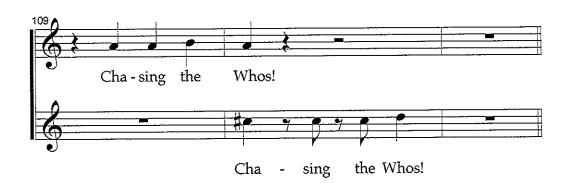








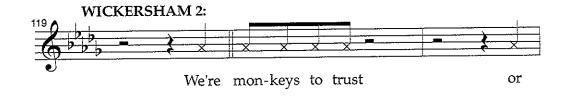




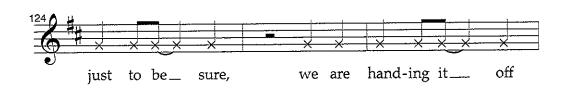
(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS stop running and face the out-of-breath HORTON.)

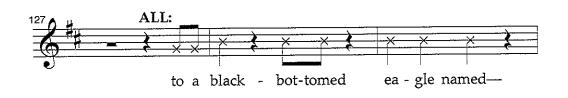














(The clover drops, and the WHOS scream. HORTON tries to catch it, but it's too late. They are lost in a huge field of clover.)



(HORTON now stands alone.)

#### **HORTON**

That bird let that clover drop somewhere inside
Of a great patch of clovers, a 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.
(A noise is heard overhead.)
Who's there?

#### MAYZIE

It's me. Mayzie. Up here.

#### **HORTON**

Mayzie... Are you on a nest?

#### MAYZIE

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. 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!

(MAYZIE exits. 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.

## (HORTON)

But please come back quickly— One hour, maybe two. I need to find JoJo. I've got to save Who!

(#11 – HORTON SITS ON THE EGG/DILEMMA begins.)

# HORTON SITS ON THE EGG/DILEMMA

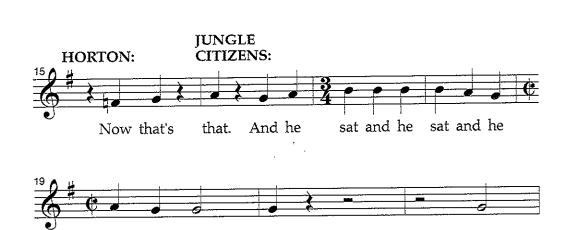
(JUNGLE CITIZENS enter. HORTON climbs the tree and gets into the nest.)













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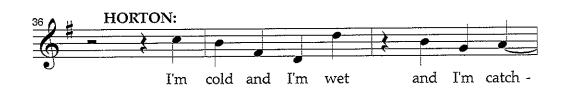
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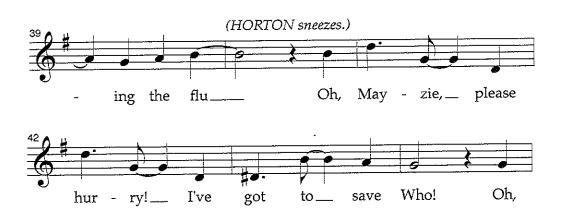
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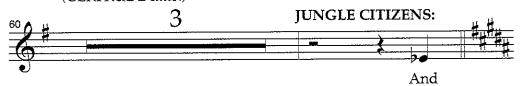
GERTRUDE: Horton, I brought you a scarf. HORTON: Thank you, Gertrude. Have you heard from Mayzie?

GERTRUDE: She sent a card from Palm Beach.

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



**GERTRUDE:** Don't worry, she will. (GERTRUDE exits.)







(The CATS hurl buckets of snow at HORTON.)















(MAYZIE enters with souvenirs from her trip.)

#### MAYZIE

Good gracious! I've seen you before. Now, let's see...

#### **HORTON**

Why, Mayzie, it's Horton! Remember? It's me! I've sat on your egg now for fifty-one weeks!

#### MAYZIE

I may be unreliable, fancy free, Irresponsible, crazy me, But seeing you gives me true delight Just for once I've done something right.

The egg is all yours!
(dramatically)
No, don't thank me.
I'll cry!!!
(and now, very sincerely)
Good luck when it hatches
Good luck... And goodbye.

(MAYZIE exits hastily. The JUNGLE CITIZENS look at HORTON with sympathy.)

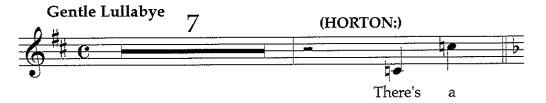
#### **HORTON**

I meant what I said,
And I said what I meant.
An elephant's faithful,
One hundred percent.
(HORTON talks to the egg.)
I'll protect you from harm.
Yes, I'll do it or die!
So rest now, Young Egg,
And I'll sing you a lullabye.

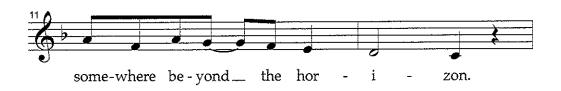
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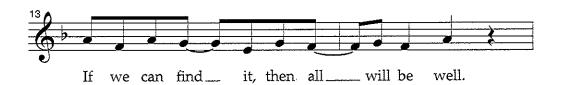
# **SOLLA SOLLEW**

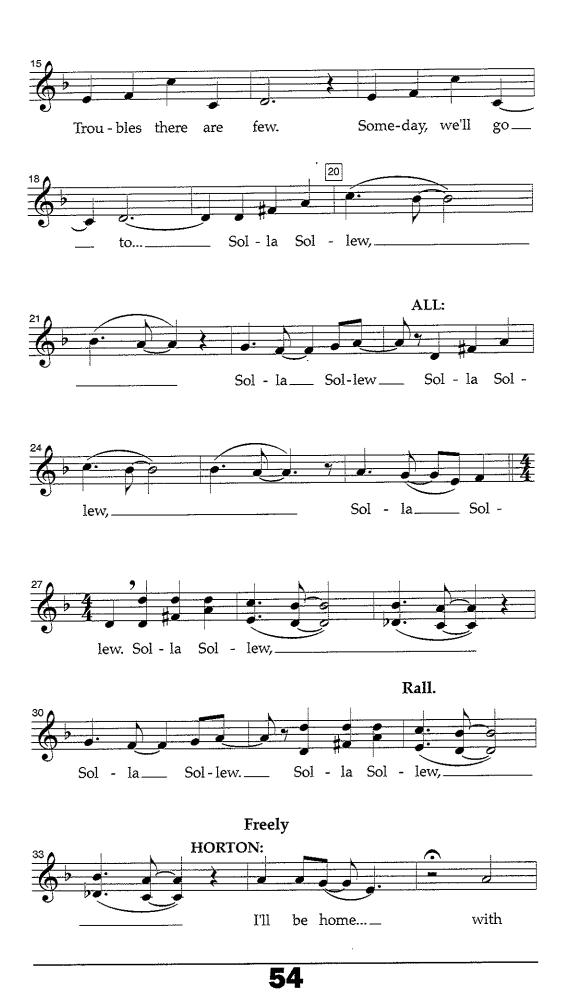
(HORTON sings the egg a lullabye.)

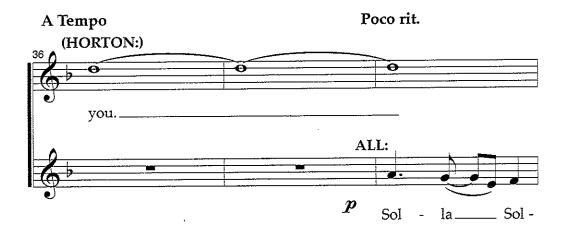


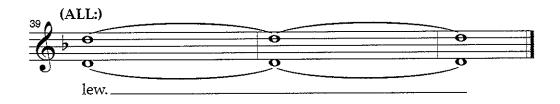












(In the darkness, we see a figure carrying a flashlight. It is GERTRUDE.)

#### **GERTURDE**

Psst! Horton! Horton, are you there?

#### **HORTON**

What? Who is it?

#### **GERTRUDE**

It's me, Gertrude! Horton! Oh, Horton! There's nothing that I wouldn't and I couldn't and I haven't gone through.
And Horton... it took me seven weeks but I found your clover.

(HORTON eagerly takes the clover from GERTRUDE.)

#### **HORTON**

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

#### **GERTRUDE**

Aw, it was nothing.

(#13 - THE WHOS RETURN begins.)

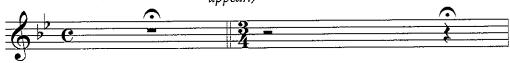
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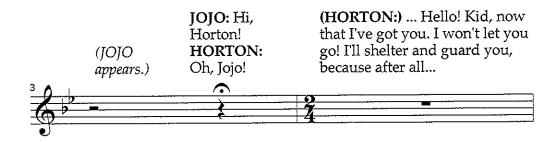
HORTON:

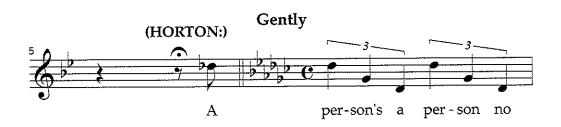
Hello, Whos, hello! Is anyone there?

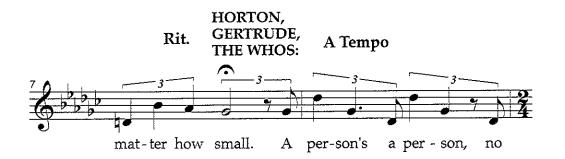
(HORTON holds the clover to his ear and gets an answer as MR. MAYOR and MRS. MAYOR appear.)

MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR: Hello!! HORTON: Oh, what a relief! Why, hello, Mr. Mayor! Is JoJo all right?









(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS, SOUR KANGAROO and YOUNG KANGAROO appear.)





#### **GERTRUDE**

How did you get here?!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS, SOUR KANGAROO and YOUNG KANGAROO begin to cart HORTON away.)

#### **HORTON**

Wait! Stop! Where are you taking me?

#### **SOUR KANGAROO**

Horton, we're taking you back.

#### **WICKERSHAM 1**

You're gonna be goin' in style.

#### WICKERSHAM 2

For talkin' to a speck—

#### **WICKERSHAM 3**

And sittin' on an egg.

#### SOUR KANGAROO, WICKERSHAMS

You're gonna be put on trial!

(The WICKERSHAMS and SOUR KANGAROO laugh as they lead HORTON to the courtroom.)

(When they arrive, all of the JUNGLE CITIZENS are there to watch the trial.)

#### **MARSHAL**

This is the case of the People versus Horton the Elephant. Judge Yertle the Turtle presiding. 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.
They're Whos here smaller than the eyes can see
It's true sir! He's a Who and so is she.
(HORTON shows JUDGE YERTLE the clover. JUDGE YERTLE stares at it as the crowd anxiously awaits a

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor! Oh, please, Mr. Mayor! You've got to prove now that you really are there!

(The JUNGLE CITIZENS all lean in to "listen" to the clover. No sound is heard.)

### **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... it will boil in a hot steaming kettle of beezlenut oil.

### HORTON, MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR

JoJo, think of something!

(All freeze except the CATS and JOJO.)

#### **CATS**

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.
The kind of a word no one ever had heard!

(Time is suspended for a moment as JOJO clears his throat and opens his mouth.)

J0J0

Yopp!

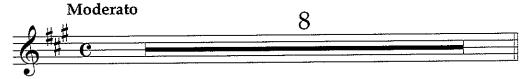
(JOJO's voice reverberates loudly through the universe, and the WHOS are heard. The JUNGLE CITIZENS gasp. The WHOS breathe a sigh of relief. <u>#14 - YOPP!</u> begins.)

# YOPP!

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 Smallest of All.



**SOUR KANGAROO:** (*grudgingly*) How true! Yes, how true! Said the Sour Kangaroo.

And, from now on, you know what I'm planning to do? From now on, I'm going to protect them with you!

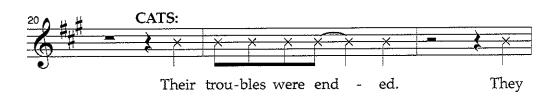




And the young kan-ga-roo in her pouch said:

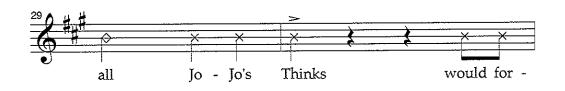
## YOUNG KANGAROO:













(GERTRUDE dashes over to HORTON with the egg in a basket, and they watch it hatch.)





CAT 1

The adventures were over.

CAT 2

The sky became...

JOJO

Pink!

CAT 3

And then, guess what happened?

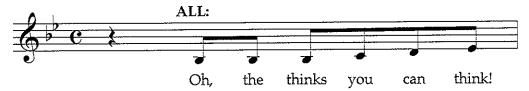
CATS, JOJO

(to audience)
Well, what do you think?!

(#15 – OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK! (FINALE) begins.)

# OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK! (FINALE)

Moderato - Warmly



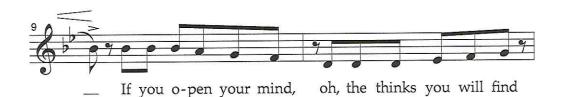


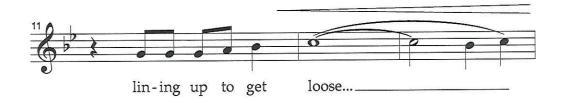




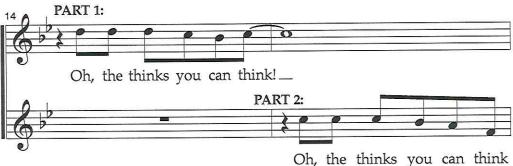




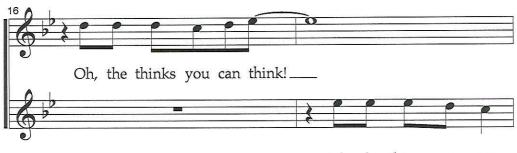




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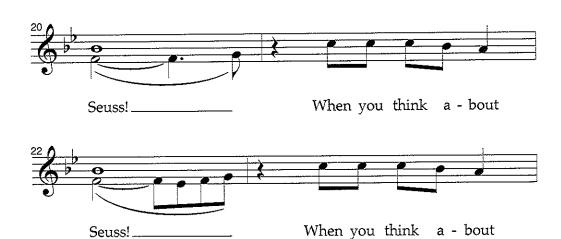
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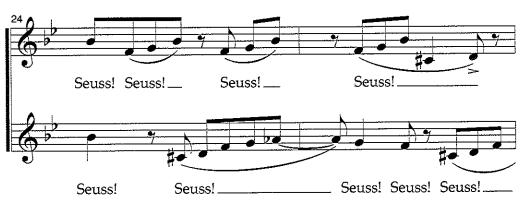
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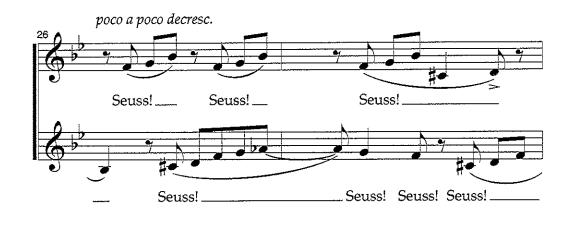


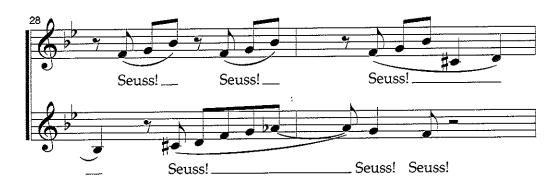
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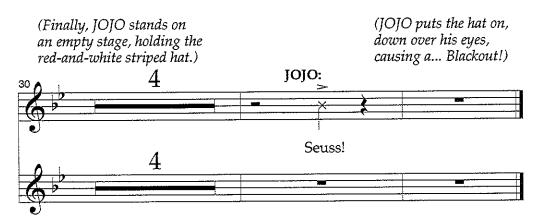


(The COMPANY dances off, fades away, disappears, one by one. Last to go are the CATS.)



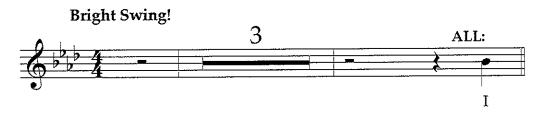






(Lights up. #16 – GREEN EGGS AND HAM (BOWS) begins.)

# GREEN EGGS AND HAM (BOWS)







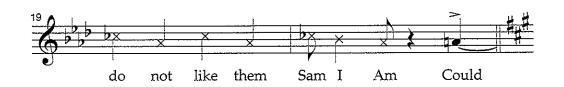


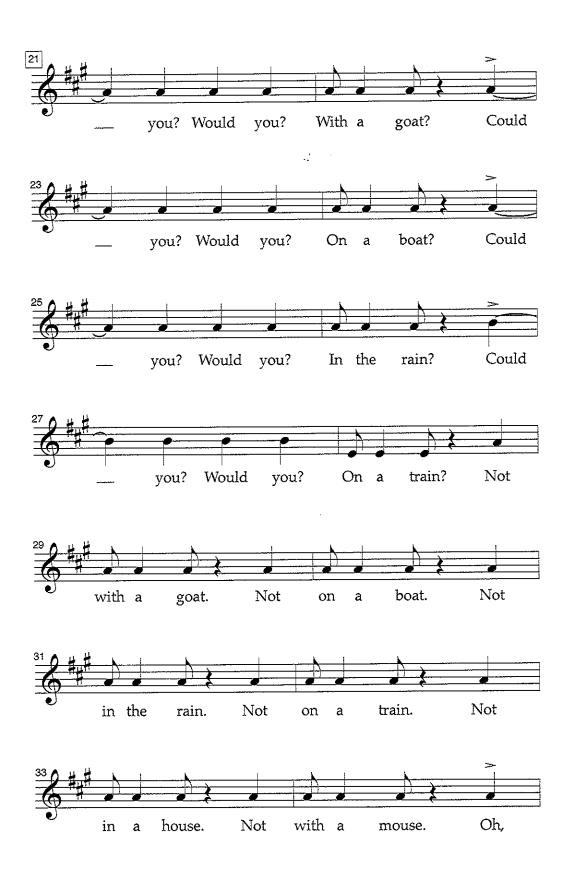






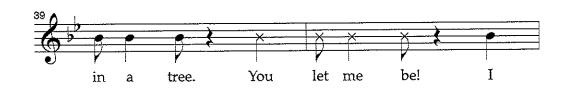




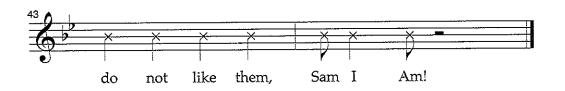












(#17 - EXIT MUSIC begins.)

THE END

# glossary

actor: A person who performs as a character in a play or musical.

aside: When a character speaks away from a group of people.

**author**: A writer of a play or musical, also known as a playwright. A musical's authors include the book writer, a composer and a lyricist.

**blocking**: The actors' movement in a play or musical, not including the choreography. The director usually assigns blocking during rehearsals.

**book writer**: One of the authors of a musical. The book writer writes the lines (dialogue) and the stage directions. Also called the librettist.

cast: The performers in a show.

**cheating out**: Turning oneself slightly toward the house when performing so the audience may better see one's face and hear one's lines.

**choreographer**: A person who creates and teaches the dance numbers in a musical.

composer: A person who writes music for a musical.

**creative team**: The author(s), director, choreographer, music director, and designers for a play or musical.

**cross**: When an actor onstage moves toward or away from another actor or object.

dialogue: A conversation between two or more characters.

**director**: A person who provides the artistic vision, coordinates the creative elements and stages the play.

**downstage**: The portion of the stage closest to the audience. The opposite of upstage.

**house**: The area of the theater where the audience sits to watch the show.

**house left**: The left side of the theater from the audience's perspective. If something is located "house left," it is to the left side of the audience as they are seated in the theater.

**house right**: The right side of the theater from the audience's perspective. If something is located "house right," it is to the right side of the audience as they are seated in the theater.

lines: The dialogue spoken by the actors.

**lyricist**: A person who writes the lyrics of a musical. The lyricist works with a composer to create songs.

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