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# The Wizard of Oz Pantomime

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## **The Wizard of Oz Pantomime**

(Based on characters created by L Frank Baum)

### **CAST**

**Dorothy**, principal girl

**Scarecrow**

**Lion**

**Tinman**

**Wizard**

**Wicked Witch/Mrs West**

**Glinda**

**Auntie Em**, Dame, Dorothy's aunt

**Toto**, Dorothy's dog

**Harry Trotter**, principal boy, a farm hand

**Salt & Pepper**, comic duo

**Guard**

**Munchkins 1 & 2**

**Lumberjack** (non-speaking)

**Chorus parts: Munchkins, Emerald City Folk, Farm Workers, Witch's Guards, Poppies, Spook**

**Moving Trees** - the trees are beautiful and do not speak but they are almost part of the scenery and move positions for different scenes. They have different branches for each scene, e.g. owls with lights in their eyes during the forest, sweets on their branches during the picnic scene.

## **SYNOPSIS OF SCENES**

### **ACT 1**

**Scene 1** Auntie Em's farm

**Scene 2** Munchkinland

**Scene 3** Yellow Brick Road, Scarecrow set

**Scene 4** Yellow Brick Road, Tinman and Lion set

**Scene 5** Poppy field, Emerald City in sight

### **ACT 2**

**Scene 1** The Emerald City

**Scene 2** The Haunted Forest

**Scene 3** The Witch's castle

**Scene 4** The Emerald City

## **SUGGESTED MUSICAL NUMBERS**

**Song 1** "Bring It All Back" (S Club 7) (Dorothy, Harry & Chorus)

**Song 2** Medley of "Sing" (The Carpenters) & "You're My Number 1" (S Club 7) - Glinda, Dorothy & Munchkins

**Song 3** "Ease On Down The Road" (The Wiz) - Munchkins

**Song 4** "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" (Israel Kamakawiwo's version) - Harry

**Song 5** Reprise of no. 3 - Dorothy & Scarecrow

**Song 6** "Ice Ice Baby" (Vanilla Ice) - Salt & Pepper

**Song 7** "Nothing Can Divide Us" (Jason Donovan) - Auntie Em, Harry, Salt & Pepper

**Song 8** "Gives You Hell" (All American Rejects) - Glinda & Witch

**Song 9** "One Short Day" (Wicked) - Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Toto & Chorus

**Song 10** "Pure and Simple" (Hearsay) - Lion, Scarecrow & Tinman with Dorothy & Toto

**Song 11** "Home" (Michael Buble) - Dorothy

**Song 12** "Can He Fix It?" (Bob the Builder), new lyrics by Houldershaw & Cartwright - Wizard, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion & Toto

**Song 13** "My Life Would Suck Without You" (Kelly Clarkson) - All except Witch, Wizard & Trees

**Song 14** "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow" - Audience participation with Scarecrow, Salt & Pepper

**Song 15** Reprise of No. 4 - All

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## A NOTE ON THE PRINCIPALS

**Dorothy** Principal girl, strong but kind, best friend is Harry the farm hand; she loves him but doesn't realise it yet (female).

**Scarecrow** He interacts with the audience a lot. Would do anything for Dorothy, he is friendly and kind (male or female).

**Lion** Very cowardly, scared of everything, (male or female).

**Tinman** Bit camp, acts like he doesn't care about anyone but inside he does (male or female).

**Wizard** Dithery, hides the fact he is the wizard, not really a wizard, just bluffs his way through it (male).

**Witch/Mrs West** The baddy, evil (female).

**Glinda** The good witch, pretty and kind, helps Dorothy on her way (female).

**Auntie Em** Dame, motherly but tries to be sexy. Would love Dorothy and Harry to get together but pretends she doesn't (male).

**Toto** Dog, would do anything for Dorothy, is with her all the time (male or female).

**Harry Trotter** Principal boy, farm hand, works on Aunt Em's farm, best friends with Dorothy, he loves her, but she hasn't noticed him yet. he'd do anything for her (male or female).

**Salt & Pepper** Flying monkeys, comedy duo, they are the witch's henchmen and wannabe gangster rappers; when they think no one is watching them they are quite normal (but stupid) and try to act cool when they realise other people are around, (male or female).

## ACT 1

### Scene 1

*Auntie Em's Farm. The farmhouse R, has a practical door, a picket fence at each side of the door, & small flats with farm animals L. Scene and costumes should be sepia-toned and can be done on half-stage with the Munchkin scene set behind*

*The Chorus of farm hands, Dorothy, Toto and Harry are on stage for the opening number*

### Song 1

*Chorus go about their daily farm business. Dorothy is talking to some of the Chorus ignoring the speech Harry is giving. Toto is following her constantly, greeting all the Chorus. Harry talks to the audience*

**Harry** Hello, everybody, my name's Harry Trotter, that's Trotter, not Potter, and I work here in Kansas on Auntie Em's farm. That's her niece Dorothy, isn't she lovely? (*Audience respond*). She's much lovelier than that (*Audience respond again*). Can I tell you a secret? I think Dorothy is the most beautiful girl in the whole world. I'm in love with her but she doesn't notice me. Maybe one day she will but, until then, I'm happy just to have her as my friend.

**Chorus 1** Hi, Harry, did you hear about the trouble Dorothy got into today with Toto?

**Harry** No, what happened?

**Chorus 2** Toto's been eating Mrs West's flowers again.

**Harry** I bet Mrs West wasn't too pleased about that.

*Chorus show fear of Mrs West*

**Chorus 3** She wasn't, she chased Dorothy and Toto almost all the way home!

*Dorothy approaches with Toto. Harry looks at her as if to say, what are you like?*

**Dorothy** Don't look at me like that, I tried to stop him but he just loves those flowers.

*Toto takes a flower out of his mouth and hides it behind his back; he is at Dorothy's side looking a bit guilty. Dorothy pets him reassuringly*

**Harry** Dorothy, I know you want to make Toto happy but if he keeps eating Mrs West's flowers, he's going to get himself in real trouble - you know what she's like!

**Dorothy** I'm not worried about her, what could she possibly do to Toto?

**Harry** I'm just looking out for you, like I always do.

**Dorothy** I know you are, Harry, you're the best friend I've ever had.

**Chorus 4** Quick everyone, back to work, Auntie Em's on her way out.

*Dorothy, Harry, Toto and Chorus exit to L and R, Auntie Em enters from the house*

**Em** Oh, where's everybody gone? I thought I heard voices out here. (*To audience*) Ooh, where did you lot come from? Did the agency send you? I know I said I needed some more staff but this many's ridiculous! But you're here now, I suppose I should introduce myself. My name is Emily Gale but you can call me Auntie Em. This is my farm. What a day I've had, I went to the doctor's this morning and I asked: "Doctor, do you think I need glasses?" He said: "You certainly do, Miss, this is a fish and chip shop!" So when I finally found the doctor's I told him I keep seeing things - one minute it's Donald Duck, the next it's Minnie Mouse. He asked me how long I've been having these Disney spells! Then I said: "I think I'm suffering from déjà vu". He said: "Didn't I see you yesterday?"

*Mrs West enters L, storming on in a mood*

**Mrs West** Emily Gale, I've got a bone to pick with you.

**Em** *(to audience)* Look what the wind blew in, wicked old Mrs West, she's always round here causing a fuss.

**Mrs West** Sorry, what was that?

**Em** Nothing, dear, I'm just off to catch a bus.

**Mrs West** You're not going anywhere. Where's that wretched dog? He's eaten my flowers one time too many so I've got a court order here, I've come to take him.

**Em** You're not taking him anywhere, that will break Dorothy's heart.

**Mrs West** There's nothing you can do about it, I've got the law on my side.

**Em** That's about all you've got on your side - no friends, no family, nobody likes you round here.

**Mrs West** I don't care, popularity is overrated.

**Em** You'd better watch yourself, you'll turn green with envy.

*Toto comes running on followed by Dorothy from L. Harry and Chorus enter from L and R*

**Dorothy** Toto, come back, Toto!

**Em** Dorothy, take Toto inside.

**Dorothy** Why? What's going on?

**Mrs West** This is what's going on, that scraggy mutt has crossed me one too many times, I'm here to take him.

**Dorothy** Take him where?

**Mrs West** I have a court order here to have that mangy dog destroyed.

**Dorothy** Destroyed? No, you can't, tell her, Auntie Em, she's not taking him.

**Em** I've tried, Dorothy dear, but there's nothing I can do, I'm sorry, she's got the law on her side.

**Dorothy** *(crying and hugging Toto)* You can't do this, I won't let you.

**Mrs West** I will be back at six. Have him ready - good day to you.

*Mrs West exits L*

*Lightning and thunder strike throughout the following dialogue*

**Em** *(shouting after her)* You won't get away with this!

**Harry** Don't worry, Dorothy, we'll think of something. I won't let her take Toto, no matter what.

**Em** I think there's a storm brewing, Harry, let's get to work.

**Dorothy** Toto, we have to run away, I won't let Mrs West take you, it's the only way. Come on, Toto!

*Dorothy grabs a suitcase from side of stage R and they run into the audience*

**Em** We need to work fast, it's a twister and it's a big one. Get the horses in the stables, make sure everything is tied down, round the sheep up, put the chickens in their coup, get inside the shelter, everyone!

*All Chorus and principals start hurrying around, collecting farm equipment, tying things down, running for cover, off stage R and L. Harry and Auntie Em run to the house, projections of a tornado start with storm music to complement it. Toto and Dorothy run back onto the stage from audience*

**Dorothy** Come on, Toto, back inside the house!

*Dorothy exits into the house. Once behind the house scenery Dorothy needs to change into coloured outfits. Dorothy will have a very quick change on side of stage*

*Storm is building up during this, lots of lightning strikes, wind sound effects. Once the cast are all off stage, the house will rock from side to side, tumbleweed will move across the stage. After roughly thirty seconds the storm calms down and stops*

*Blackout*

## Scene 2

*Munchkinland*

*Auntie Em's house is still where it was but legs wearing silver shoes need to be pushed out so they appear to be under the house. Colourful bushes C and L, Munchkin Chorus hiding behind the bushes, moving trees across the back of stage, bright flowers and candy swirls hanging from them. Sunrise effect, birds tweeting*

*Dorothy emerges from the house with Toto. They come out slowly looking around a bit dazed and confused*

**Dorothy** Auntie Em, Harry, where are you? I hope they're alright, Toto, we must have got separated in the storm. Ouch, my head really hurts, I must have hit it pretty hard in all the commotion. Where are we? Toto, I have the feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. What is this place?

**Munchkins** *(giggle)*

**Dorothy** *(to Toto)* Did you hear something?

**Munchkins** *(louder giggle)*

**Dorothy** Toto, was that you? *(He shakes his head)*, what's that?

*Glinda is coming towards her through the audience, twinkly music*

**Glinda** Welcome, Great Witch-that-fell-from-the-sky!

**Dorothy** Me? Why, I'm not a witch at all. Witches have warts on their noses and missing teeth.

**Glinda** I am a witch, the Witch of the North, and, as you can see, I am very beautiful. If you're not a witch, what are you?

**Dorothy** I'm Dorothy Gale from Kansas and this is my dog Toto, he's my best friend.

**Glinda** You must have powerful magic to have killed the Wicked Witch of the East.

**Dorothy** What do you mean? I haven't killed anyone.

**Glinda** Well, your house did and that's the same thing.

**Dorothy** Oh my!

*She babbles "I didn't mean to, there was a storm etc.". The Munchkins giggle*

What is that noise I keep hearing?

**Glinda** The Munchkins. Come out, everyone, the Wicked Witch is dead. Dorothy Gale is our hero.

*All the Munchkins come out happy and cheery, crowding around Dorothy*

**Munchkin 1** Hooray for Dorothy!

**Munchkin 2** The Wicked Witch is dead!

**Glinda** Let us rejoice and sing.

## Song 2

*After the song there is a puff of smoke as the Witch enters L. The Munchkins scream and hide*

**Dorothy** You said I killed her, you sang a song.

**Glinda** You killed the Wicked Witch of the East. This is her sister, the Wicked Witch of the West. She's even worse.

**Witch** Who killed the Witch? Was it you, little girl?

**Dorothy** I didn't mean to, it was an accident.

**Witch** You're going to pay for this, funerals are expensive, you know.

*Witch points a threatening finger at Dorothy*

**Dorothy** I'm sorry.

**Glinda** *(to Witch)* What about the silver shoes?

*Glinda points at the silver shoes. The Munchkins take the slippers to Dorothy and put them on her feet, unseen*

*by audience*

**Witch** The silver shoes, they're gone! What have you done with them?

**Glinda** They don't belong to you, they belong to Dorothy now.

**Witch** Give me those shoes or this day will be your last.

**Dorothy** Take the shoes, I don't want them.

*Dorothy goes to take them off, Glinda stops her*

**Glinda** Don't take off those shoes, Dorothy, they have a powerful charm.

**Witch** I'm warning you!

**Glinda** You have no power in Munchkinland.

**Witch** Fine, I'll go, but I'll be back, you haven't seen the last of me. I'll get you, little girl, and when I do, it'll be the end for you!

*Witch exits L laughing, accompanied by sinister music*

**Glinda** She means what she says, Dorothy. You must be very, very careful.

**Dorothy** I don't belong here, I just want to go home. Auntie Em will be worrying about me and I want to see Harry again.

**Glinda** And you will, my dear, but you can't go back the way you came.

**Dorothy** Which way do I go then?

**Glinda** There is a person who can help you, the Wizard of Oz. He lives in the Emerald City.

**Dorothy** Oh, but how do I get there?

**Glinda** Just follow the Yellow Brick Road.

*Two or three Munchkins come forward and unfold the Yellow Brick Road at the front of the stage to reveal it*

**Glinda** Now remember, Dorothy, don't take those silver shoes off, not even once. They have magical powers and one day you might need them. I must leave you now; you must carry on the journey without me. Besides, I'm missing *The Only Way Is Essex*, must dash!

*Glinda exits into the audience, short burst of 'The Only Way Is Up'*

**Dorothy** The Yellow Brick Road?

**Munchkin 1** Follow the Yellow Brick Road.

**Munchkin 2** Follow the Yellow Brick Road.

### Song 3

*Dorothy and Toto exit along the Yellow Brick Road into the audience. The Munchkins hide again*

*Auntie Em and Harry enter all dishevelled, from behind the house*

**Em** Look, Harry, the boys and girls are here, it's good to see some friendly faces after what we've just been through.

**Harry** Hello, boys and girls, what a terrible storm that was.

**Em** All my cows blew away, it's an udder disaster!

**Munchkins** (*giggle*)

**Harry** What's that noise?

**Munchkins** (*giggle louder*)

**Harry** Did you hear that? Who was it? (*To the audience*)

*The audience respond*

*The Munchkins come out of hiding places, a bit fed up and in a bad mood*

**Munchkin1** Oh no, we're not going through all this again.

**Munchkin 2** We're the Munchkins, and this is Munchkinland.

**Munchkin 1** Did you land on any witches when you arrived here?

**Munchkin 2** If not, we're really not that interested.

**Munchkin 1** So if you wouldn't mind.

**Munchkin 2** Could you just be on your way?

**Harry** Whoa there, let's step back a bit.

**Em** What are Munchkins?

**Harry** Where is Munchkinland?

**Em** What's all this talk of killing witches?

**Munchkin 1** The last visitor who came here.

**Munchkin 2** Dorothy Gale.

**Munchkin 1** She landed on the Wicked Witch of the East.

**Harry** Dorothy was here?

**Em** Did you say Dorothy Gale?

**Harry** Is she alright?

**Em** Where is she now?

**Harry** What about Toto?

**Munchkin 2** Hold your horses, we'll give you the same advice we gave them.

**Munchkin 1** If you want to get home, you need to go and see the Wizard of Oz.

**Munchkin 2** And if you want to see the Wizard of Oz, you need to follow the Yellow Brick Road.

**Munchkin 1** Follow the Yellow Brick Road.

**Munchkin 2** But don't think we're going to do the whole routine again.

**Munchkin 1** 'Cos we're not, we're shattered.

**Munchkin 2** There's the start of it.

*Munchkins go about their daily business, chatting in groups*

**Em** Charming bunch, guess they didn't eat their Weetabix this morning.

**Harry** At least we know Dorothy is safe and they're okay.

**Em** You really care about her, don't you?

**Harry** I'd do anything for Dorothy, I've got big dreams for her and me ...

**Em** That might be all they'll ever be. She'll never leave her poor Auntie Em at home, let alone run off and get married.

**Harry** I didn't say anything about running away together, I actually hoped we'd live on the farm.

**Em** Oh no, don't think you're getting your hands on my farm, Harry Trotter.

**Munchkin 1** Harry Potter!

**Harry** No, I'm not Harry Potter.

**Munchkin 2** Look everyone, it's Harry Potter!

**Harry** Trotter, not Potter!

**Munchkin 1** You don't need to go and see the Wizard.

**Harry** I do if I'm ever going to get out of here.

**Munchkin 2** But you are a wizard.

**Harry** I'm not!

**Munchkin 1** But you're Harry Potter.

**Harry** (*annoyed*) Harry Trotter, not Potter!

**Munchkin 2** Okay okay, don't get your wand in a knot.

*Harry and Em move forward and curtains close behind them to set the Scarecrow Scene*

**Harry** Honestly Em, I have big plans and dreams for Dorothy and me, you'll see one day.

#### Song 4

**Em** What are we waiting for? Let's get going (*start going off chatting as they go*).

**Harry** You never know, we might even catch up with them.

**Em** They can't be that far ahead.

*Harry and Em exit through audience*