

*(Her light illuminates the snoring HORTON, waking him up)*

HORTON

What? Who is it?

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, BIRD GIRLS, GERTRUDE  
BUT SUDDENLY, GERTRUDE COULD SAIL!

*SONG: ALL FOR YOU*

GERTRUDE

*(dramatically)*

I SAILED ON A JUNK  
AND WAS PRACTIC'LLY SUNK  
FOR YOU.  
I TRAMPLED THOROUGH THE TREES  
FULL OF FURIOUS BEES  
FOR YOU.

GERTRUDE (CON'T)

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  
IN ELEVEN BELOW  
FOR YOU.

YES, EVEN THOUGH I KNEW  
I WAS CATCHING THE FLU  
FOR YOU

(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.

BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3(OS)

OOH...

OOH, OOH, OOH, OOH,  
OOH  
OOH...

(Achoo!)

OOH  
OOH  
OOH  
OOH  
AHH-AH!

OOH, OOH, OOH, AHH!

ALL FOR YOU!

ALL FOR YOU!

AHH, AAH, AAH, AAH!

LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!  
LA-LA-LA-LA!  
LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!  
OOH...OOH...OOH  
LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!  
LA-LA-LA-LA!  
LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!  
OOH...  
AHH-AH!  
AHH-AH!

GERTRUDE (CON'T)

I'M HERE!  
YOU'RE THERE!  
AND MAYBE NOW  
YOU'LL KNOW I CARE  
FOR YOU!

BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3 (OS)

AH!  
AHH-AH!  
OOH!  
OOH...

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, DR. DAKE, BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3 (OS)

WHO!

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)*

MR. & MRS. MAYOR

Hello!!

JOJO

Oh, what a relief! Why, hello, Mr. Mayor! Is JoJo allright?

*(He listens again)*

JOJO

Hi, Horton!

HORTON

Oh, JoJo! Hello!  
Kid, now that I've got you, I won't let you go!

HORTON (CON'T)

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)*

Ha! WICKERSHAM #1

Ha! WICKERSHAM #2,3

Humph! SOUR KANGAROO

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!

Wait! Stop! Where are you taking me?

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3  
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...

On trial!

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WICKERSHAM #1

GONNA BE...

SOUR KANGAROO

GONNA BE...

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3

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.)*

**THE PEOPLE VERSUS HORTON THE ELEPHANT**

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

THIS IS THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VERSUS  
HORTON THE ELEPHANT.

OTHERS IN COURT

HORTON THE ELEPHANT!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

JUDGE YERTLE THE TURTLE PRESIDING.  
EVERYONE RISE!

JUDGE YERTLE

ORDER! ORDER! ORDER IN THE COURT!

JUDGE YERTLE & ALL

ORDER, 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.

HORTON  
THEY'RE WHOS HERE.  
THERE ARE WHOS HERE.  
SMALLER THAN THE EYE CAN  
SEE!

SOUR KANGAROO,  
WICKERSHAMS, BIRD GIRLS  
BIGGEST BLAME FOOL  
IN THE JUNGLE OF NOOL

IT'S TRUE, SIR!  
HERE'S WHO'S WHO, SIR!  
HE'S A WHO, AND SO IS SHE.

BIGGEST BLAME FOOL  
IN THE JUNGLE OF NOOL!

*(JUDGE YERTLE bangs the gavel)*

JUDGE YERTLE  
ORDER! ORDER! ORDER IN THE COURT!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)  
CALL TO THE STAND THE STAR WITNESS  
VERSUS HORTON THE ELEPHANT.  
RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND SWEAR!

*(The SOUR KANGAROO steps forward to take the oath.)*

I swear...  
SOUR KANGAROO  
THAT HE'S THE BIGGEST BLAME FOOL  
IN THE JUNGLE OF NOOL  
AS I TESTIFIED LONG AGO.  
BIGGEST BLAME FOOL...

Just a fool, fool, fool!  
YOUNG KANGAROO

SOUR KANGAROO  
AND A MOTHER LIKE ME SHOULD KNOW.  
JUDGIN' HIM TRUNK TO TOE...  
YOU BETTER THINK!

THINK!  
BIRD GIRLS

THINK!  
SOUR KANGAROO

Oh, pl

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TO

BIRD GIRLS

THINK!

SOUR KANGAROO

Oh, please, throw him in the clink!

BIRD GIRLS

*(Testifying)*

TALKIN' TO A SPECK  
TALKIN' TO A SPECK  
TO A SPECK OF DUST!

GERTRUDE

Objection!

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)

Overruled!

WICKERSHAMS, KANGAROO, BIRD GIRLS

*(testifying)*

SITTIN' ON AN EGG!  
SITTIN' ON AN EGG!  
SITTIN' ON AN EGG!

GERTRUDE

Objection?

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)

Overruled!

*(Group by group, the animals sweep forward to testify, their voices building to cacophony. The following lines overlap)*

BIRD GIRLS	SOUR KANGAROO	WICKERSHAMS
TALKIN' TO A SPECK		
TALKIN' TO A SPECK	FOOL! FOOL! FOOL!	
TO A SPECK OF DUST!		
TALKIN' TO A SPECK	IN THE JUNGLE OF	SITTIN' ON AN EGG!
TO A SPECK OF DUST!	NOOL! NOOL! NOOL!	HE'S SITTIN'
TALKIN' TO A SPECK!		ON AN EGG!
TALKIN' TO A SPECK!	FOOL!	HA! HA!
TO A SPECK OF...		HA!

*(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!

THESE WHOS, SIR,  
WIN OR LOSE, SIR,  
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE OR NOT,  
THEY'RE HERE.  
THEY LIVE IN FEAR  
AND I'M THE ONLY FRIEND THEY'VE GOT.

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

BUT PLEASE SAVE WHO,  
THE TINIEST PLANET IN THE SKY.

*(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...

BIRD GIRLS

OOH! THAT DUST SPECK!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

AND AS FOR THE DUST SPECK

BIRD GIRLS

OOH! THAT SPECK!

CAT As MARSHAL, SOUR KANGAROO,  
WICKERSHAMS 1, 2, YERTLE  
AND AS FOR YOUR DUST SPECK,

CAT (AS MARSHAL), SOUR KANGAROO,  
WICKERSHAMS, YERTLE, BIRD GIRLS  
THAT WE WILL  
BOIL BOIL BOIL BOIL BOIL...  
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,  
WICKERSHAMS, YERTLE, BIRD GIRLS  
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!

*(SOUR KANGAROO riffs through the following)*

COURTROOM MEN

COURTROOM WOMEN

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

BOIL IT!

*(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!

*(THE WHOS are revealed. They're terror stricken. They beat on tom toms, play musical instruments, wave their arms. )*

COURTROOM PEOPLE

WHOS

BOIL IT!  
BOIL IT!  
BOIL IT!  
BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL IT!

WE ARE HERE!

BOIL...

HORTON, MR. & MRS. MAYOR

JoJo, think of something!

*(Everything 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!  
The kind of a word no one ever had heard!

*(The scene unfreezes...)*

WHOS

WE ARE HERE!  
WE ARE HERE!  
WE ARE HERE!  
WE ARE HERE!

ALL

BOIL IT!  
BOIL IT!  
BOIL IT!  
BOIL!...

JOJO

YOPP! *(a long yell)*

*(JOJO's voice reverberates loudly through the universe. And the WHOS are heard at last. The ANIMALS gasp in amazement. The WHOS gasp in relief!)*

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!

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

SOUR KANGAROO

How true! Yes, how true! Said the Sour Kangaroo.  
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!

AND THE YOUNG KANGAROO IN HER POUCH SAID...

SMALL KANGAROO

ME, TOO!

CAT

Their troubles were ended. They hailed his great...

ALL

YOPP!

CAT

And JoJo was honored as "Thinker Non-Stop!"

*(The WHOS carry him on their shoulders.)*

MR. & MRS. MAYOR

Now all JoJo's Thinks would forever be heard.

CAT

Including this Think ...

An Eleph

Why, he

And exc

Gertrud  
All I kn

SO

*(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 am slow. I am fat.

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

*(A beat...)*

**SONG: ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE (reprise)**

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?

BOTH

(to audience)

Well, what do *you* think?!

**SONG: OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK (Reprise)**

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 THINK THERE!

IF YOU OPEN YOUR MIND,  
OH, THE THINKS YOU WILL FIND  
LINING UP TO GET LOOSE...  
OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK

BASSES/BARITONES

OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK

ALL

OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK

TENORS

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!

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SONG

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
SEU-U-U-U-U SEU... SEU... SEU-U-U-USS	SEUSS!	SEU... SEU... SEUSS!	SEUSS! SEUSS! SEUSS! SEUSS!
SEU-U-U-U-U SEU... SEU... SEU-U-U-USS	SEUSS!	SEU... SEU... SEUSS!	SEUSS! SEUSS SEUSS! SEUSS! SEUSS!
SEU-U-U-U-U SEU... SEU...		SEU... SEU... SEUSS!	SEUSS! SEUSS 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 stands on an empty stage, holding his legacy, his imagination—embodied 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!)*

**End of Act II**

*CURTAIN CALLS:*

**SONG: GREEN EGGS AND HAM**

**ALL**

I DO NOT LIKE GREEN EGGS AND HAM.  
I DO NOT LIKE THEM, SAM-I-AM.  
I DO NOT LIKE THEM HERE OR THERE.  
I DO NOT LIKE THEM ANYWHERE.

NOT IN A HOUSE. NOT WITH A MOUSE.  
NOT HERE OR THERE. NOT ANYWHERE.  
I DO NOT LIKE GREEN EGSS AND HAM.  
I DO NOT LIKE THEM, SAM-I-AM.

COULD YOU? WOULD YOU? WITH A GOAT?  
COULD YOU? WOULD YOU? ON A BOAT?  
COULD YOU? WOULD YOU? IN THE RAIN?  
COULD YOU? WOULD YOU? ON A TRAIN?



ALL (CON'T)

NOT WITH A GOAT. NOT ON A BOAT.  
NOT IN THE RAIN. NOT ON A TRAIN.  
NOT IN A HOUSE. NOT WITH A MOUSE.  
OH, NO!  
NOT IN A BOX. NOT WITH A FOX.  
NOT IN A TREE. YOU LET ME BE!  
I DO NOT LIKE GREEN EGGS AND HAM!  
I DO NOT LIKE THEM, SAM-I-AM!

*(All take their bows)*

I do not like green eggs and ham!!!

FEMALE VERSION – *this dialogue replaces male version in script.*

**HOW LUCKY YOU ARE (REPRISE)**

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  
TELL YOURSELF HOW LUCKY YOU ARE.

CAT IN THE HAT (AS BEAUTICIAN)

HOW LUCKY, HOW LUCKY YOU ARE

MAYZIE

WHEN IT'S DAY AFTER DAY  
AFTER BEAUTIFUL DAY  
TO BE LAZING AWAY  
BY THE SEA WITH RENEE  
TELL YOURSELF HOW LUCKY YOU ARE.

CAT IN THE HAT (AS RENEE)

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE.

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 DIFFERENT!  
I CRAVE SOMETHING NEW!

*(She grabs the CAT)*

HEY, MAYBE COULD YOU THINK OF  
SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO?!

*(In self defense, THE CAT hands her a flyer.)*

MAYZIE

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