SCENE 7: The Castle

(COGSWORTH, LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS, BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE pace nervously. The BEAST enters.)

BEAST

It's time for dinner. Where is she?

COGSWORTH

I'll go check on her. Won't be a minute.

(COGSWORTH runs off.)

MRS. POTTS

Try to be patient, sir. The girl has lost her father and her freedom all in one day.

LUMIERE

Master... have you thought that perhaps this girl could be the one to break the spell?

BEAST

Of course, I have! I'm not a fool.

LUMIERE

Good! So... you fall in love with her, she falls in love with you and poof! The spell is broken! We'll be human again by midnight!

MRS. POTTS

Lumiere, it's not that easy. These things take time.

LUMIERE

But we don't have time! The rose has already begun to wilt!

BEAST

It's no use. She's so beautiful and I'm... well, look at me!

MRS. POTTS

Master, you must help her to see past all that.

BEAST

I don't know how!

MRS. POTTS

Well, you could start by trying to make yourself more presentable.

LUMIERE

Impress her with your rapier wit.

MRS. POTTS

But be gentle.

BABETTE

Shower her with compliments.

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

But be sincere.

LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS

And above all...

BEAST

What???

LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS, BABETTE, MADAME

You must control your temper!

(COGSWORTH enters, alone.)

BEAST

(growling impatiently)

Well? Where is she?

COGSWORTH

(a timid squeak)

She's not coming.

BEAST

What did you say?

COGSWORTH

(even squeakier)

She's not coming.

BEAST

We'll see about that!

(The BEAST storms to the door of Belle's room. LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS and COGSWORTH hurry along behind. BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE exit.)

COGSWORTH

Your Lordship! Your Grace! Your Eminence! Let's not be hasty!

BEAST

(barges into Belle's room)

I thought I told you to come down to dinner!

BELLE

(yelling back)

I'm not hungry!

BEAST

I am the master of this castle and I'm telling you to come to dinner!

LUMIERE

Master, that may not be the best way to win the girl's affections.

COGSWORTH

Please... attempt to be a gentleman.

MRS. POTTS

Deep breaths, Master... deep breaths.

BEAST

I'll give her one last chance.

(to BELLE)

Would you be so kind as to join me for dinner?

COGSWORTH

(under his breath)

Uhm... P... P...

BEAST

(gritting his teeth)

Please.

BELLE

No, thank you.

BEAST

Fine! Then starve!

LUMIERE

Master, please!

BEAST

If she doesn't eat with me... she doesn't eat at all!

(The BEAST roars and storms off.)

LUMIERE

What were we thinking? We will never be human again.

MRS. POTTS

Well, what would you have us do? Give up? I like this girl. I like her spunk.

COGSWORTH

Well, if you ask me, she was just being stubborn. After all, he did say "please."

MRS. POTTS

I think that may be the first time I've ever heard him use that word.

(BELLE pokes her head out of her room.)

Hello, dearie. I hope the Master didn't frighten you too much. He can be a little temperamental.

BELLE

A little?

COGSWORTH

I am Cogsworth, head of the household. And this is Lumiere...

LUMIERE

(kisses BELLE's hand)

Enchanté, mademoiselle.

COGSWORTH

If there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable. Anything... anything at all!

BELLE

I am a little hungry.

COGSWORTH

Except that.

MRS. POTTS

Cogsworth!

COGSWORTH

Well, you heard what the Master said!

MRS. POTTS

Oh, pish tosh! I'm not about to let the poor child go hungry!

Fine. Glass of water, crust of bread and then—

LUMIERE

Cogsworth! She's not a prisoner, she's our guest! We must make her feel welcome here!

COGSWORTH

All right, dinner. But keep it down! If the Master finds out, it'll be our necks!

LUMIERE

Of course... of course! But what is dinner without a little music?

COGSWORTH

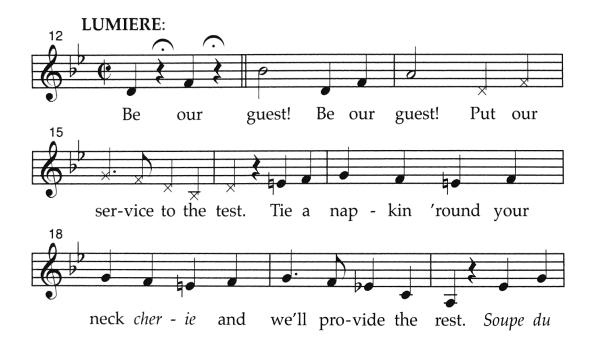
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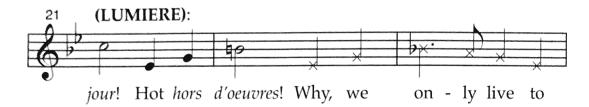
(#17 BE OUR GUEST.)

LUMIERE

Ma chère mademoiselle, it is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that we welcome you tonight. And now we invite you to relax. Let us pull up a chair as the dining room proudly presents... your dinner!

Be Our Guest



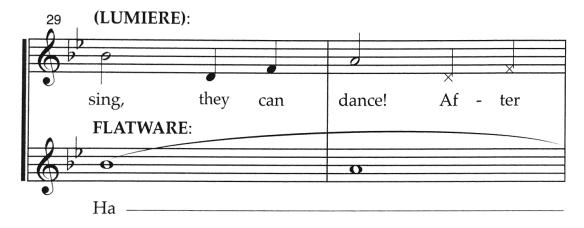


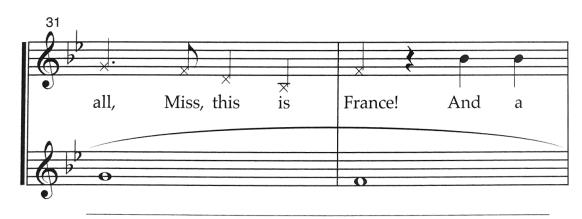


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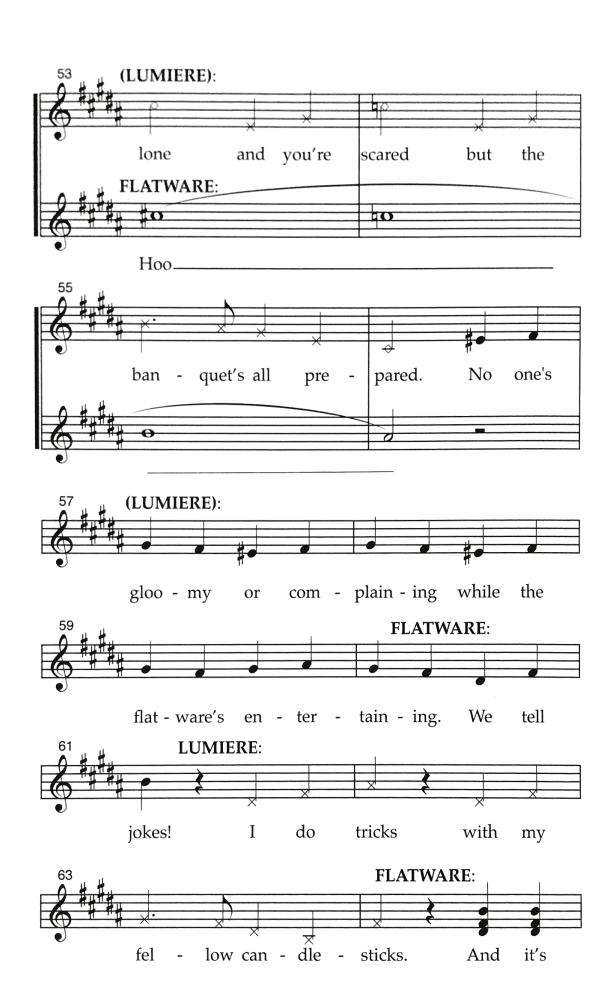


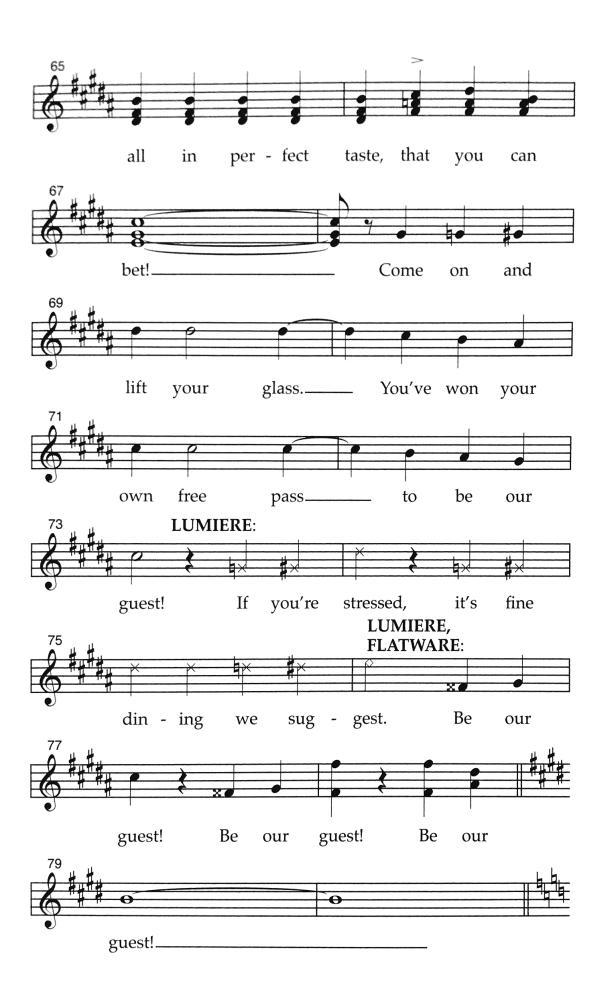
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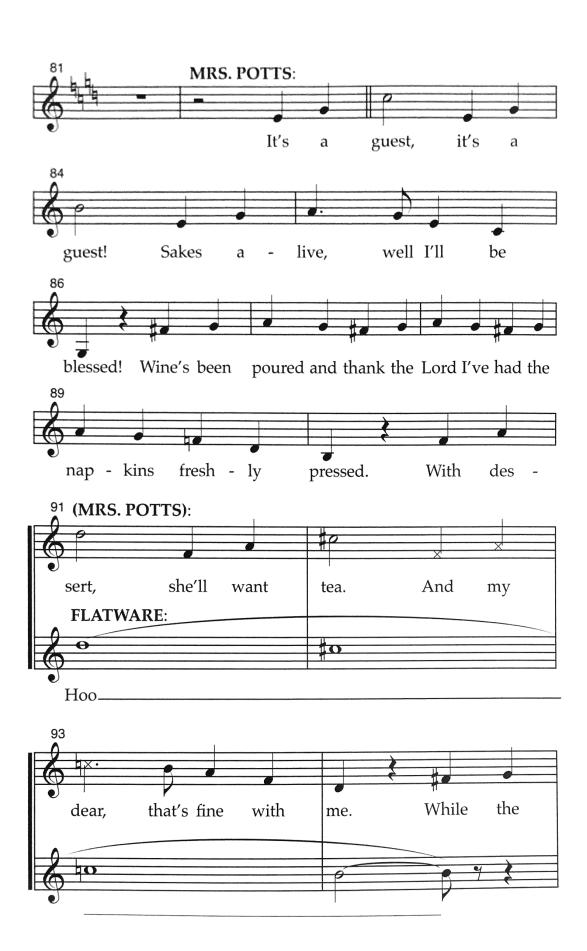


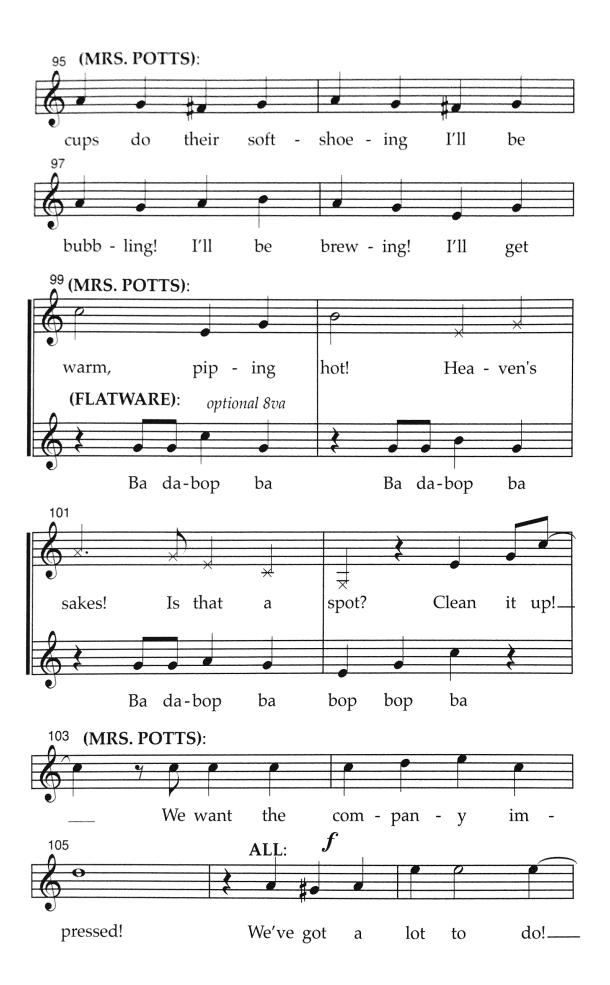




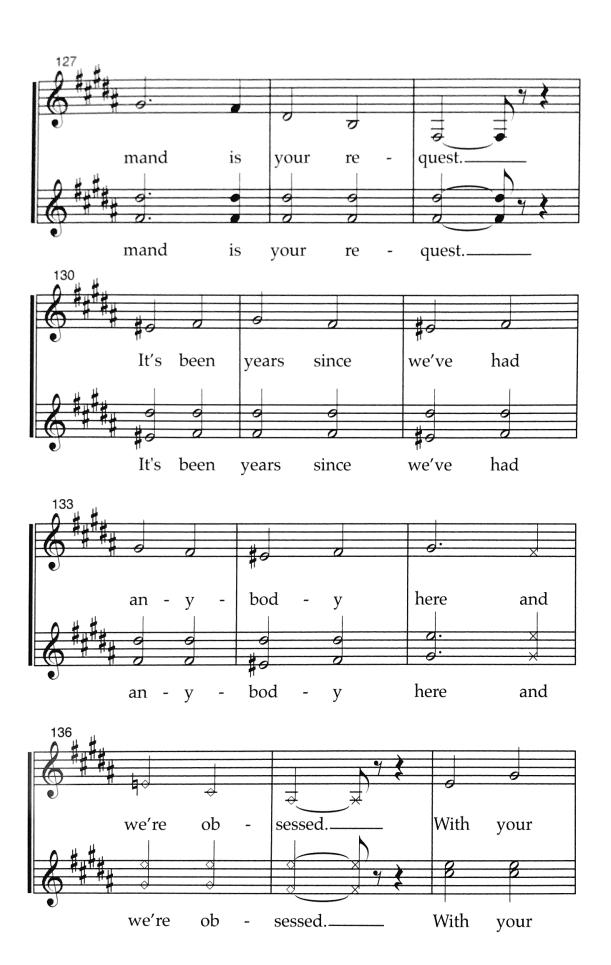


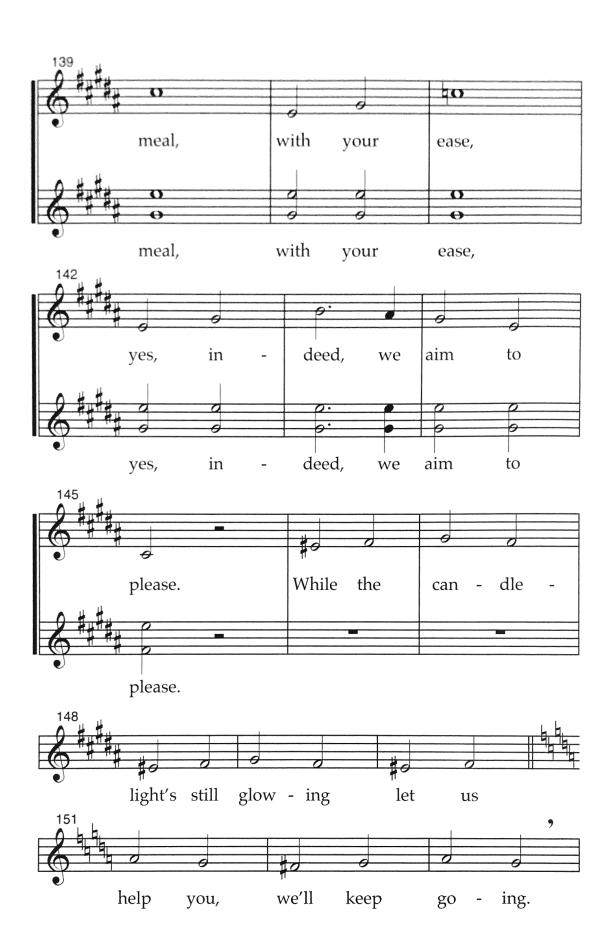
















Good show, everyone! Good show! Off to your cupboards now...

(The SERVANTS exit, muttering excitedly about the new guest, leaving BELLE alone with COGSWORTH and LUMIERE.)

BELLE

Oh, Lumiere, thank you for dinner. It was delicious!

COGSWORTH

Oh my goodness, look at the time. Off to bed!

BELLE

Oh, I couldn't possibly go to bed now. It's my first time in an enchanted castle.

LUMIERE

Perhaps you would like a tour?

I'm not sure that's such a good idea.

BELLE

(to COGSWORTH)

Perhaps <u>you'd</u> like to take me. I'm sure you know everything there is to know about the castle.

COGSWORTH

(flattered)

Well... actually, I do! Right this way...

(COGSWORTH exits with BELLE and LUMIERE. The BEAST enters carrying a tray of food for Belle.)

BEAST

Okay. I can do this. Act like a gentleman... act like a gentleman... This'll be good.

(COGSWORTH re-enters with BELLE and LUMIERE. The BEAST hides.)

COGSWORTH

(points offstage)

Now that is yet another example of the late neo-classic baroque period. And, as I always say, if it's not baroque, don't fix it!

(COGSWORTH laughs heartily. BELLE and LUMIERE are silent. COGSWORTH continues the tour as he exits.)

May I draw your attention to the flying buttresses above the aviary...?

BELLE

Oh, Lumiere, it's all so beautiful! I had no idea. If only <u>he</u> weren't here!

(LUMIERE and BELLE follow COGSWORTH off. The BEAST comes out from hiding.)

BEAST

Act like a gentleman... I am nothing but a fool!

(The BEAST exits. COGSWORTH re-enters with BELLE and LUMIERE trailing behind.)

(at the end of a self-serving story)

... and thanks to some quick thinking on my part the disaster was averted!

BELLE

(points to the west wing)

What's over there?

LUMIERE, COGSWORTH

Nothing!

COGSWORTH

Nothing at all of any interest in the west wing!

BELLE

Ah. So that's the west wing...

LUMIERE

(to COGSWORTH)

Nice going.

BELLE

I wonder what he's hiding there.

COGSWORTH

Um... perhaps *mademoiselle* would like to see something <u>else</u>. Over here we have exquisite tapestries dating all the way back...

(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE toddle off. **#18 BELLE IN THE WEST WING**. BELLE walks the other direction toward the west wing. The rose catches her eye. She moves closer... awestruck. The BEAST enters.)

BEAST

Don't touch that!

BELLE

I'm sorry!

BEAST

What are you doing here?

BELLE

I—

BEAST

I told you never to come here!

BELLE

I know but-

BEAST

Do you realize what you could have done? Get out!

(Frightened, BELLE runs past the BEAST toward the door. He tries to stop her so he can apologize but accidentally grabs her arm, causing her to stumble.)

BELLE

Ouch. Don't touch me!

BEAST

No, I—

BELLE

Promise or no promise. I won't stay in this castle!

(BELLE runs out, leaving the BEAST alone.)

BEAST

I'm sorry! I didn't mean to frighten you. You don't understand. There's so little left of me... So little left...

(Distraught, the BEAST gazes into his magic mirror.)

SCENE 8: The Forest

(The NARRATORS enter. **#19 WOLF ATTACK**. BELLE, WOLVES and the BEAST pantomime the following:)

NARRATOR 1

Belle ran into the forest as fast as she could.

NARRATOR 2

Night was falling, a storm was approaching and it was getting hard to see.

NARRATOR 3

When she stopped to catch her breath, Belle heard the low and menacing growling of wolves!

NARRATOR 4

One wolf charged Belle head-on, and she grabbed a branch to defend herself.

(As WOLVES enter and lunge at BELLE, she desperately wields the branch. Then, a roar.)

NARRATOR 3

Suddenly, the Beast leaped out of nowhere and pulled the wolves off of Belle.

NARRATOR 1

Belle took cover as the wolves turned and attacked the Beast.

NARRATOR 4

One grabbed hold of the Beast's forearm, wounding him.

NARRATOR 2

The Beast struggled to stay on his feet.

(The BEAST battles with the WOLVES.)

NARRATOR 3

Once the Beast hurled the last wolf away... he collapsed, exhausted and in pain.

(BELLE emerges from cover and stares at the BEAST.)

NARRATOR 1

Belle knew that this was her chance to get away... to go home.

NARRATOR 4

But as she looked at the Beast, that hideous creature... who <u>saved</u> her life, she could not leave.

NARRATOR 3

Belle approached the Beast and helped him to his feet.

NARRATOR 2

Then Belle and the Beast slowly made their way back to the castle.

(BELLE and the BEAST exit, followed by the NARRATORS.)

SCENE 9: The Castle

(BELLE helps the BEAST to his chair. He holds one arm painfully. MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH enter and observe from a distance. BELLE dips a clean cloth into a bowl with hot water and wrings it out. She reaches for the BEAST's wounded arm, but he growls and pulls away.)

BELLE

Let me see. Just hold still.

(BELLE reaches for him again and gently dabs at the wound. The BEAST cringes and howls in pain.)

BEAST

Ow! That hurts!

BELLE

If you'd hold still, it wouldn't hurt as much.

BEAST

If you hadn't run away, this wouldn't have happened.

BELLE

If you hadn't frightened me, I wouldn't have run away!

BEAST

Well, you shouldn't have been in the west wing!

BELLE

And you should learn to control your temper!

(The BEAST doesn't have an answer for that. He and BELLE glare at each other in a silent battle of wills. The BEAST looks to MRS. POTTS and LUMIERE, who avert their eyes. BELLE dips the cloth in hot water again and wrings it out.)

Now hold still, this may sting a little.

(BELLE dabs gently at the wound on the BEAST's arm. He winces but doesn't pull away.)

By the way... thank you for saving my life.

BEAST

You're welcome.

(MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH look at each other with happy surprise.)

MRS. POTTS

Well, that's more like it. I knew they could get along if they tried.

LUMIERE

So, the ice is broken... at last.

COGSWORTH

And not a moment too soon either. The rose is losing petals at an alarming rate!

MRS. POTTS

And I can hardly bend over at all any more.

LUMIERE

Clearly, it's time for us to give them a little push.

MRS. POTTS

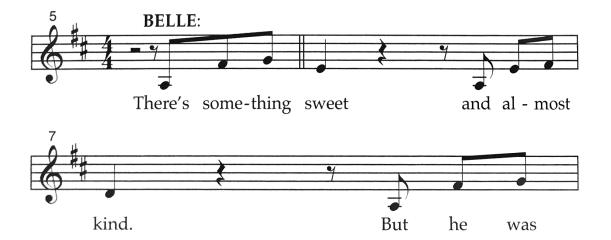
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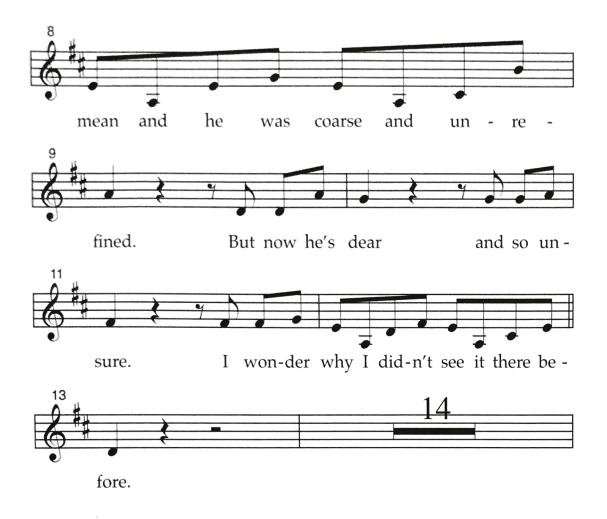
(to the BEAST and BELLE)

How about we warm you two up a bit with a nice bowl of soup?

(MRS. POTTS exits. COGSWORTH escorts BELLE and the BEAST to a small table. CHIP is perched on top. #20 SOMETHING THERE.)

Something There





(LUMIERE points to the chair. Taking the prompt, the BEAST lifts the chair as BELLE crosses to it. He clumsily slides the chair beneath her and she falls into it. The BEAST crosses to his chair and perches, unable to sit. MRS. POTTS returns with two bowls of soup. BELLE raises her bowl... the BEAST follows suit.)

CHIP

Cheers!

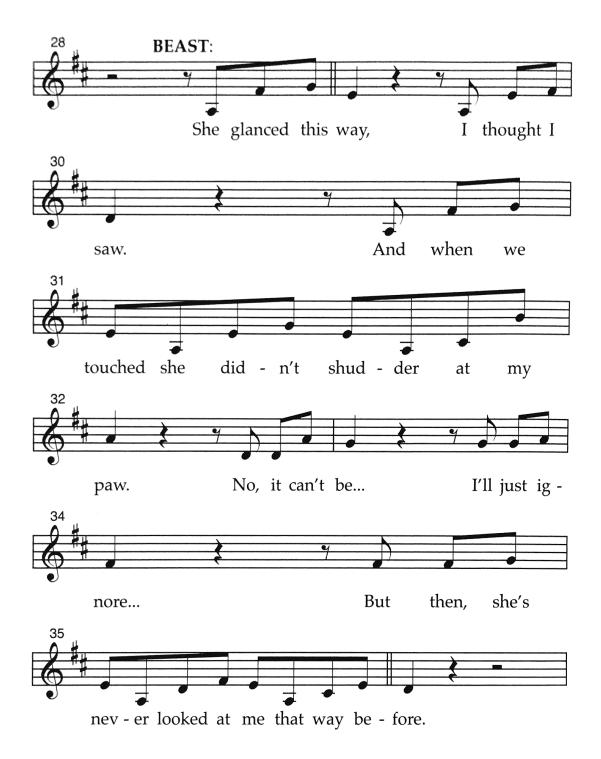
(BELLE and the BEAST drink their soup.)

MRS. POTTS

(to BELLE)

Come along, dearie. Let's get you cleaned up.

(MRS. POTTS leads BELLE off. BELLE looks back and indicates that the BEAST should wipe his mouth. He does so.)



(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE approach.)

BEAST

When she smiles at me... I get all choked up. My heart starts pounding and I can't breathe!

COGSWORTH

Good!

BEAST

That's good?

LUMIERE

Excellent!

BEAST

I've never felt this way about anyone.

(impulsively)

I want to give her something... but what?

LUMIERE

It has to be something special. Something that sparks her interest...

(LUMIERE whispers into the BEAST's ear. BELLE comes back cleaned up, with a bright bow in her hair.)

COGSWORTH

Look who's back!

LUMIERE

(under his breath to the BEAST)

Say something about her hair.

BEAST

(confused)

It's brown?

LUMIERE

A compliment!

BEAST

Oh.

(to BELLE)

What a... nice bow.

BELLE

Thank you!

(The BEAST looks at LUMIERE and COGSWORTH: "How'd I do?" They nod and make "go on" motions...)

BEAST

Uh... Belle... I uh... have something to show you. But first you have to close your eyes. It's a surprise.

(BELLE closes her eyes. The BEAST leads BELLE through the halls of the castle.)

BELLE

Can I open them?

BEAST

All right... now!

(A beautiful library with stacks and stacks of books is revealed. BELLE opens her eyes and gasps with wonder.)

BELLE

I can't believe it! I've never seen so many books in my whole life!

BEAST

You... like it?

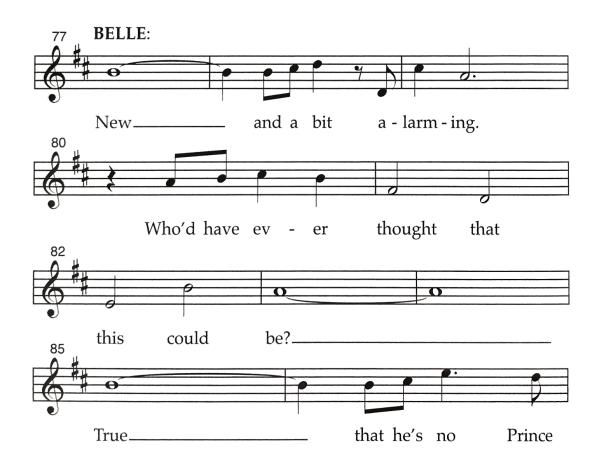
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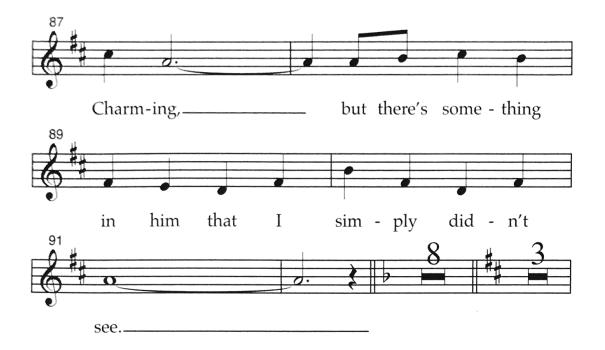
It's wonderful!

BEAST

Then... it's yours!

(BELLE runs giddily to look at the books.)





BELLE

(showing a book to the BEAST)

This is one of my favorites. King Arthur. Have you ever read it?

BEAST

No!

(pushes the book back, then confesses)

I can't...

BELLE

You never learned to read?

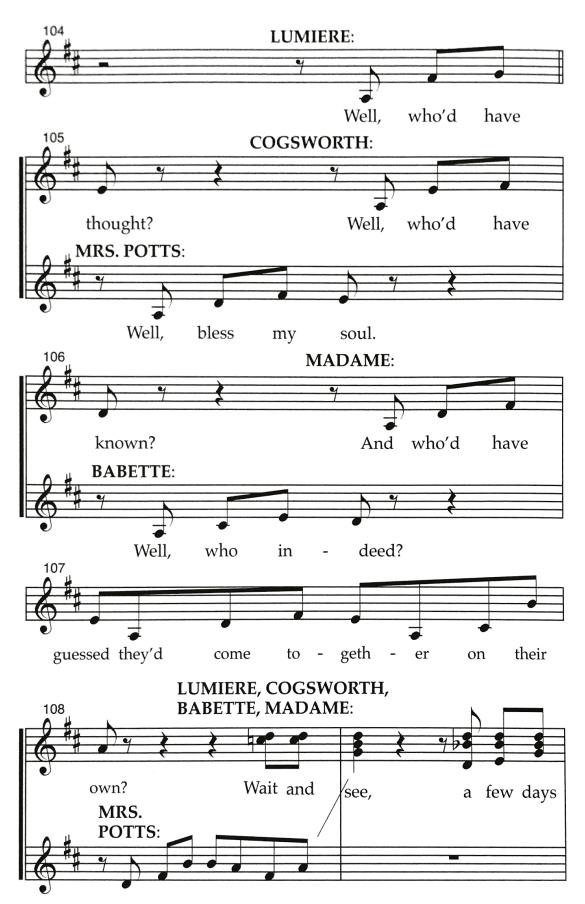
BEAST

Only a little... and long ago.

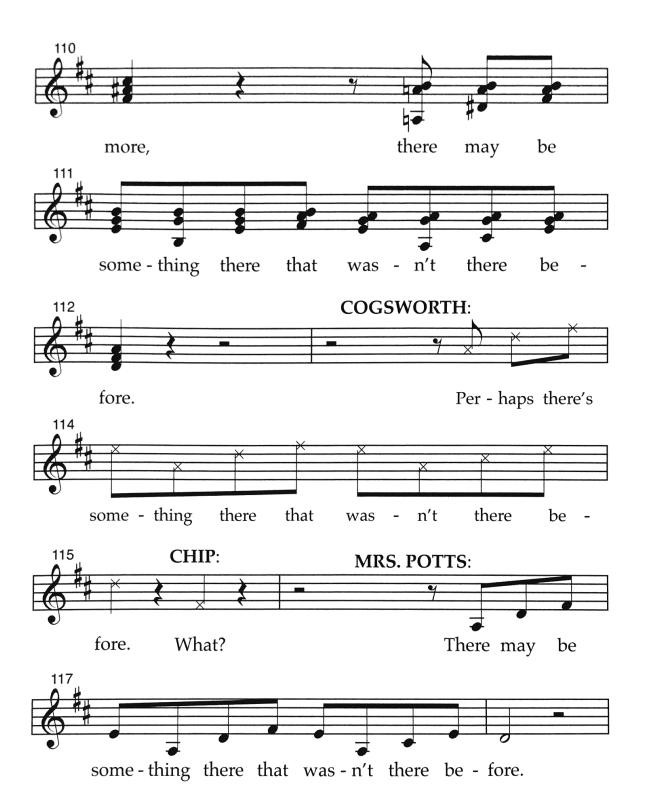
BELLE

Well, it just so happens, this is the perfect book to read aloud. Come here, sit by me.

(The BEAST and BELLE sit down to read. LUMIERE, COGSWORTH, MRS. POTTS, CHIP, BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE enter.)



It's so pe-cul-iar. Wait and



CHIP

What's there, Mama?

MRS. POTTS

Shh. I'll tell you when you're older.

(The SERVANTS exit, leaving BELLE and the BEAST alone.)

BELLE (reading) "Then, for the third time, Arthur drew forth the sword..." BEAST (excited) So that must mean that he's the king! BELLE Wait and see. **BEAST** (shakes his head with wonder) I never knew books could do that. **BELLE** Do what? **BEAST** Take me away from this place and make me forget... for a little while. **BELLE** Forget? **BEAST** Who I... (correcting himself) ...what I am. (BELLE looks at the BEAST. He has touched her heart. LUMIERE enters and watches them from afar.)

We have something in common, you know.

BEAST

What?

BELLE

In the town where I come from, the people think I'm odd.

BEAST

You?

BELLE

So I know how it feels to be... different. And I know how lonely that can be.

(A beat. A bond has formed between BELLE and the BEAST. COGSWORTH, BABETTE, MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, MRS. POTTS and CHIP enter quietly.)

MRS. POTTS

They're still in there?

LUMIERE

Yes, and so far he has been a perfect gentleman.

CHIP

Mama, I have a funny feeling inside. I don't know what it is, but it makes me feel kind of bubbly.

MRS. POTTS

It's <u>hope</u>, son. I've been feeling it too.

(<u>#21 HUMAN AGAIN</u>.)

LUMIERE

Ah, oui... my little friend, the day we have waited for may be at hand!

MRS. POTTS

If only that were true, Lumiere.

LUMIERE

Ah, human again.

MRS. POTTS

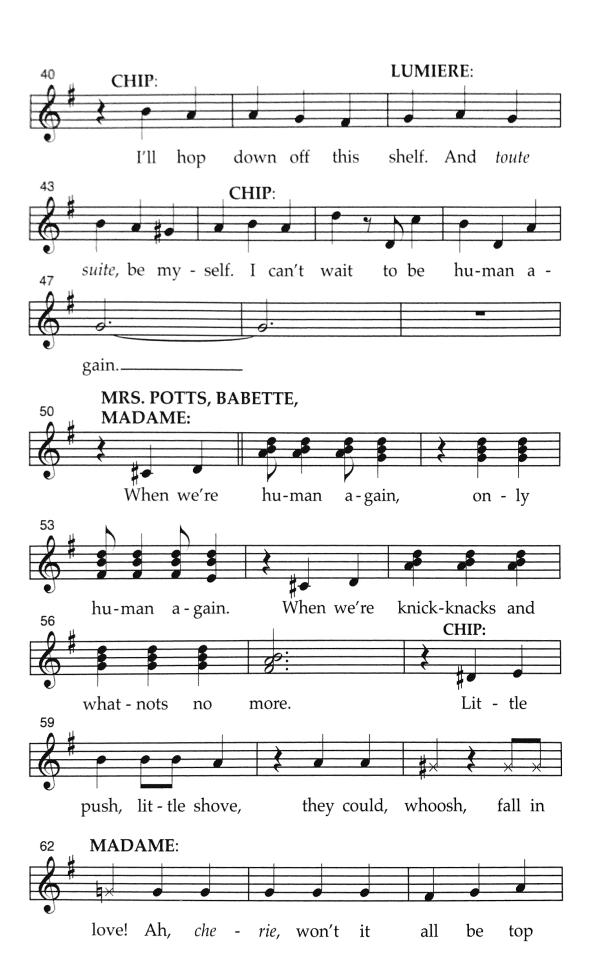
Human again.

LUMIERE

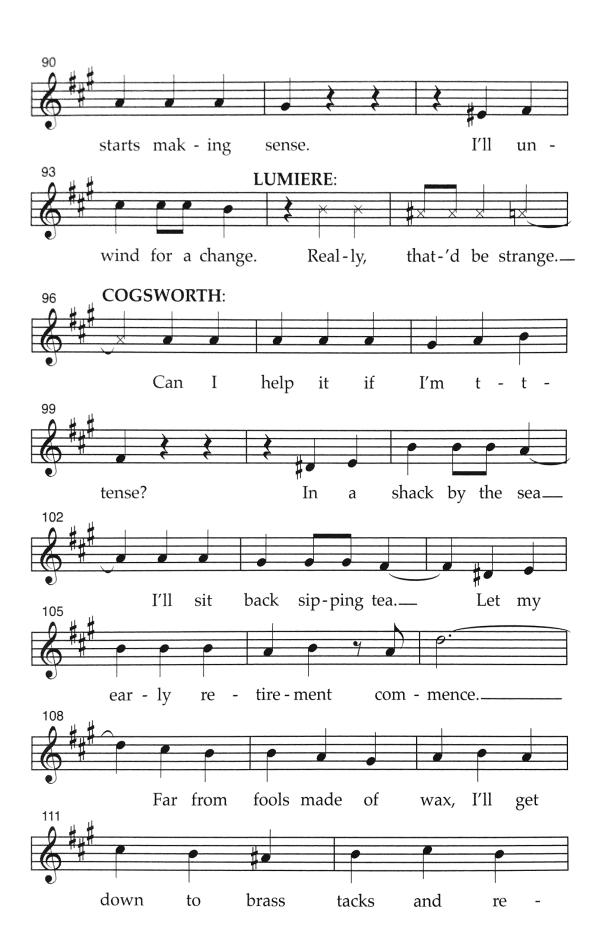
Yes. Think what that means!

Human Again











(The SERVANTS run off to spread the good news through the rest of the castle. Back in the library, BELLE finishes reading.)

BELLE

"... when Guinevere heard that Arthur was slain, she stole away to a convent. And no one could ever make her smile again."

(closing the book)

That's the end.

BEAST

(swallows the lump in his throat)

What a beautiful story.

BELLE

I knew you'd like it. I'd like to ask you for something.

BEAST

What's that?

BELLE

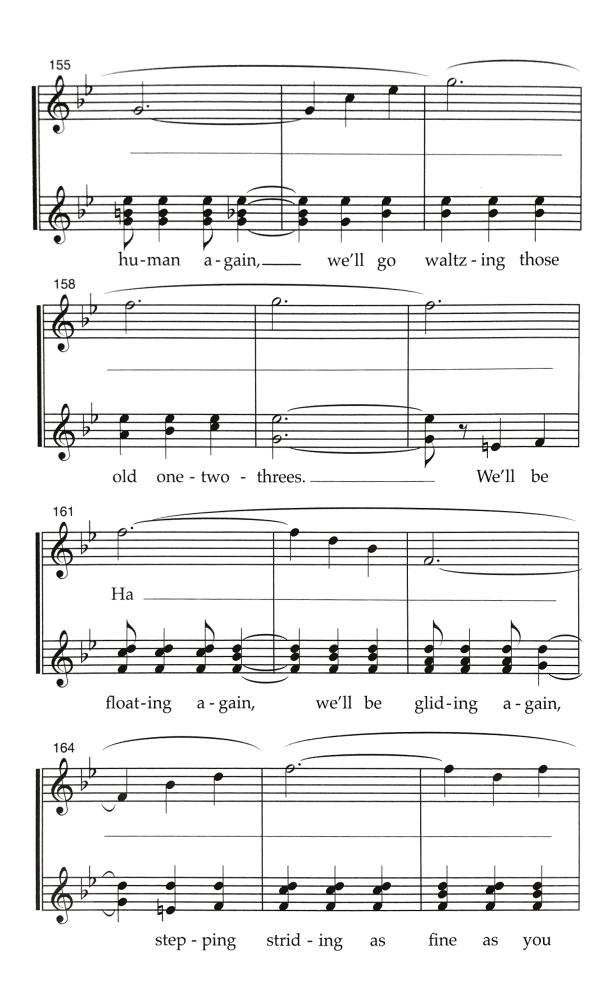
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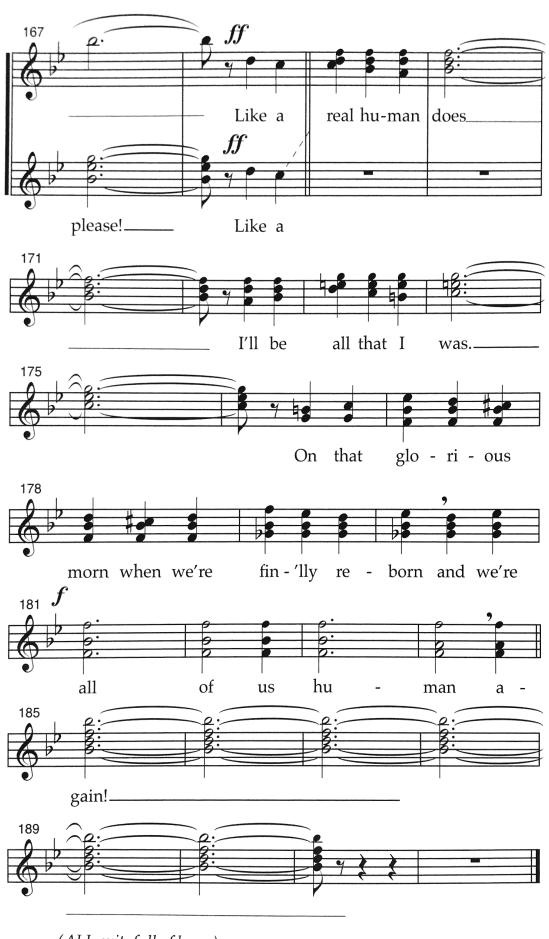
BEAST

Dinner? Me? With you? That'd be... I mean... oh yes!

(BELLE and the BEAST exit the library. All of the castle's SERVANTS enter, ecstatic.)







(ALL exit, full of hope.)

SCENE 10: The Village

(Night. A NARRATOR enters. #22 D'ARQUE PLAN.)

NARRATOR 3

Meanwhile, back in a dark alley of the village, Gaston held a secret meeting.

(GASTON and LEFOU enter with an unfamiliar man all dressed in black, MONSIEUR D'ARQUE, the proprietor of the local lunatic asylum. The NARRATOR exits.)

GASTON

Thank you for coming on such short notice, Monsieur d'Arque.

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

I don't usually leave the asylum in the middle of the night. But this fellow said you'd make it worth my while.

GASTON

Look, I've got my heart set on marrying Belle, but she needs a little... persuasion.

LEFOU

Turned him down flat!

GASTON

It's like this, see...

(GASTON and LEFOU whisper to MONSIEUR D'ARQUE as they exit.)

SCENE 11: The Castle

(Dinner table. The BEAST prepares for dinner with the help of LUMIERE and COGSWORTH. The BEAST is dressed elegantly with his hair tied back in a ponytail. He actually looks good!)

LUMIERE

Tonight is the night... the night to confess your love.

BEAST

I'm not sure I can do that.

COGSWORTH

You must!

BEAST

How will I know when the moment is right?

LUMIERE

You will know because you will feel it here... (points to his heart)
... and you must speak from the heart.

BEAST

I must speak from the... I can't!

COGSWORTH, LUMIERE

You must!

LUMIERE

What are you afraid of?

BEAST

I'm afraid she might...

COGSWORTH

She might what?

BEAST

Laugh at me.

LUMIERE

Somehow, my prince, you must find the courage to take that chance.

COGSWORTH

Master... look at the rose! There's so little time left!

BEAST

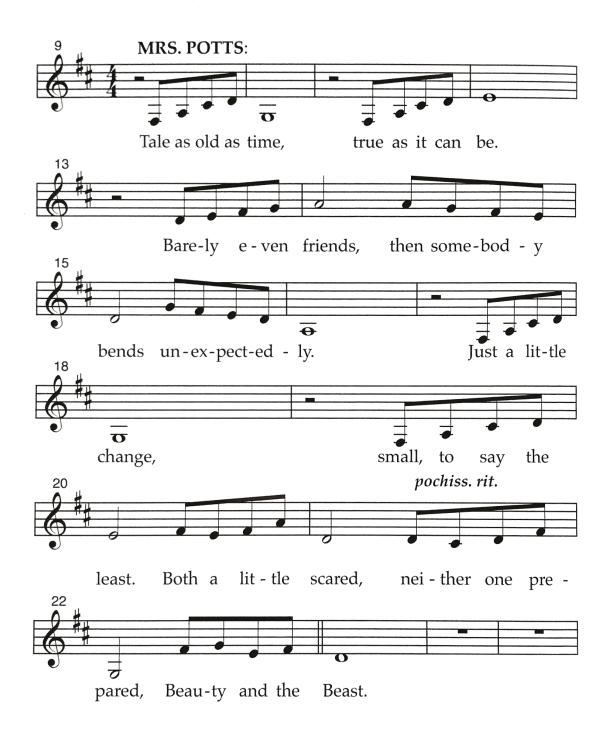
I really don't think I can do this.

LUMIERE

You can do it, Master. I know you can.

(#23 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. BELLE enters dressed in a stunning golden gown, accompanied by BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE. The BEAST, now incredibly nervous, stands across the room with COGSWORTH and LUMIERE. MRS. POTTS enters with CHIP and smiles at the budding couple.)

Beauty and the Beast



(BELLE crosses to the BEAST and holds out her hand.)

BELLE

Dance with me.

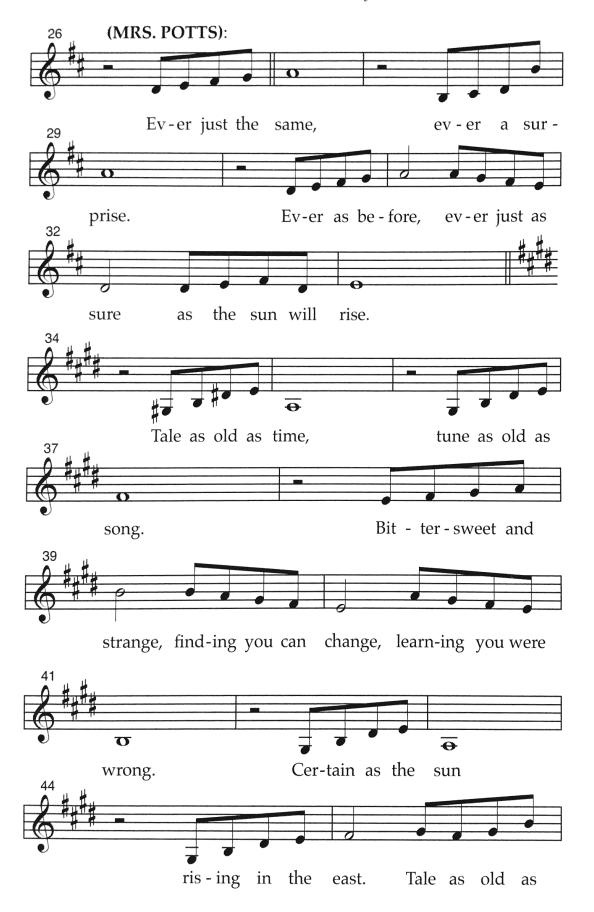
BEAST

No... I—

LUMIERE, COGSWORTH

Dance with her!

(The BEAST takes BELLE's hand and they dance.)





time, song as old as rhyme, Beau-ty and the



Beast.

Tale as old as time, song as old as



rhyme, Beau-ty and the Beast.

MRS. POTTS

Off to the cupboard with you now, Chip. It's past your bedtime. Goodnight, luv.

(MRS. POTTS exits with CHIP. BABETTE, MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH follow.)

BEAST

Belle, I...

BELLE

Yes?

BEAST

Belle, are you happy here?

BELLE

Oh, yes... everyone's so kind. Mrs. Potts, Lumiere...

BEAST

With me?

BELLE

Yes.

(There's a long, uncomfortable pause. COGSWORTH and LUMIERE peek in on BELLE and the BEAST.)





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ELAw.)

BEAST

I must speak from...

LUMIERE, COGSWORTH

... the heart!

(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE exit. BELLE looks away.)

BEAST

Is something wrong?

BELLE

I was just thinking about my father. I miss him so much. I wish I could see him again.

BEAST

There is a way.

(holds out the magic mirror)

This mirror will show you anything... anything you wish to see.

BELLE

I'd like to see my father, please.

(looks into the mirror)

Papa? Oh, no... Papa! Something's wrong! He's in the woods. I think he's lost. I should— I should—

BEAST

(with difficulty)

Go to him.

BELLE

What?

BEAST

You should go to him.

BELLE

But what about—

BEAST

You're not my prisoner, Belle. You haven't been for a long time. Take the mirror with you. So you'll always have a way to look back... and remember me.

BELLE

(briefly takes the BEAST's hand)

I could never forget you.

BEAST Belle, I... BELLE Yes? **BEAST** Go... Go. (BELLE turns and runs out.) I'll never see her again. (LUMIERE, COGSWORTH and MRS. POTTS enter.) **COGSWORTH** Well, Sire, I must say... everything is going just swimmingly. I knew you had it in you! **BEAST** I let her go. COGSWORTH You what? **LUMIERE** How could you do that? **BEAST** I had to. **COGSWORTH** But why? (The BEAST doesn't answer, then looks to MRS. POTTS.) MRS. POTTS After all this time, he's finally learned to love. **LUMIERE** That's it then! That should break the spell! MRS. POTTS It's not enough. She has to love him in return.

COGSWORTH

And now it's too late.

(#24 BELLE TAKES MAURICE HOME. MRS. POTTS, COGSWORTH and LUMIERE exit, leaving the BEAST alone.)

SCENE 12: Belle's Cottage

(BELLE and MAURICE enter.)

BELLE

We're finally home.

MAURICE

I don't know what happened. The last thing I remember I was falling—

BELLE

You were in the woods, Papa. I thought I'd never find you—

MAURICE

But the Beast? How did you escape?

BELLE

I didn't escape. He let me go.

MAURICE

He let you go? That terrible beast?

BELLE

He's not terrible. In the beginning I was so frightened. I thought it was the end of everything. But somehow... things changed.

(MONSIEUR D'ARQUE enters with a mob of VILLAGERS.)

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

Good afternoon.

BELLE

Monsieur D'Arque!

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

I've come to collect your father.

BELLE

What?

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

Don't worry. We'll take good care of him.

My father's not crazy!

LEFOU

He was raving like a lunatic about a beast. We all heard him.

(to the VILLAGERS)

Didn't we?

(The VILLAGERS murmur their agreement. GASTON appears out of the shadows.)

GASTON

Poor Belle. It's a shame about your father.

BELLE

Gaston, you know he's not crazy!

GASTON

I might be able to clear up this little misunderstanding if...

BELLE

If what?

GASTON

If you'll marry me!

BELLE

What?!?

GASTON

One little word, Belle... that's all it takes...

BELLE

Never!

GASTON

Have it your way!

(to MONSIEUR D'ARQUE)

Take the old man!

(Two VILLAGERS grab MAURICE.)

MAURICE

Let go of me! Belle!

Wait! I can prove my father's not crazy! (pulls out the magic mirror) Show me the Beast!

> (#25 THE MOB SONG. The image of the BEAST appears in the mirror.)

MAURICE

That's him! That's him!

(The VILLAGERS gasp, terrified.)

A MOTHER

Is he dangerous?

BELLE

Oh no, he'd never hurt anyone. I know he looks frightful... but he's really kind and gentle. He's my friend.

GASTON

If I didn't know better, I'd say you have feelings for this monster.

BELLE

He's not the monster, Gaston! You are!

GASTON

She's as crazy as the old man! She says this creature is her friend. Well, I've hunted wild beasts and I've seen what they can do!

> (GASTON whips the VILLAGERS into a frenzy, transforming them into a wild, angry mob.)

The Beast will make off with your children. He'll come after them in the night!

BELLE

He would never do that!

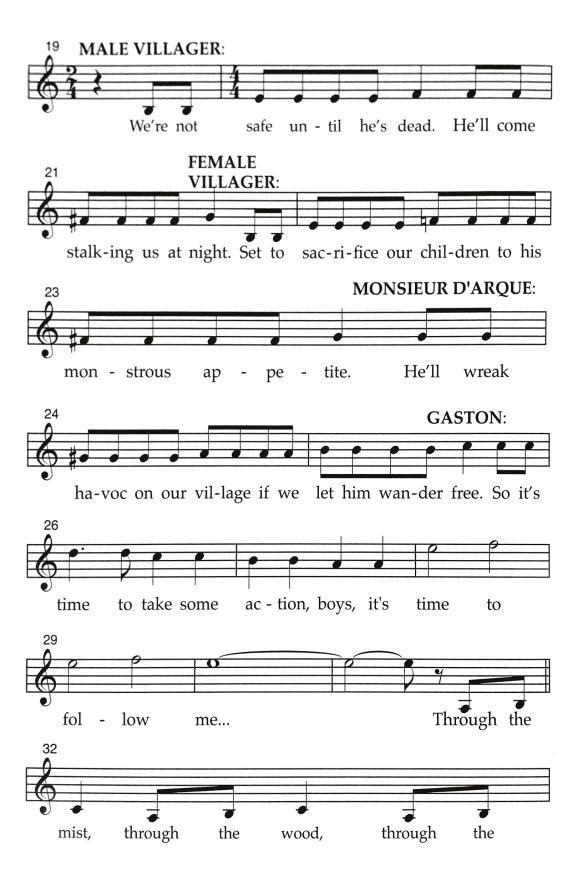
GASTON

Forget the old man! I say... we kill the Beast!

VILLAGERS

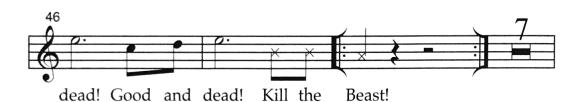
Kill him!

The Mob Song









I won't let you do this!

GASTON

Try and stop us!

BELLE

Oh, Papa... this is all my fault! I have to go back and warn him!

MAURICE

I'm coming with you!

BELLE

No!

MAURICE

I lost you once. I'm not going to lose you again!

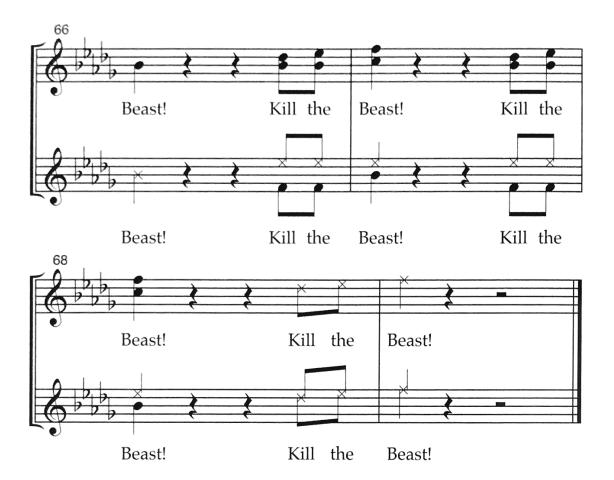
(MAURICE and BELLE exit.)

GASTON

We'll rid the village of this Beast. Who's with me?







(The VILLAGERS storm off.)

SCENE 13: The Castle

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(Two NARRATORS enters.)

NARRATOR 1

The angry mob of villagers marched through the forest, waving torches and weapons.

NARRATOR 2

Once gathered in front of the Beast's castle, they carefully made their way inside.

(The NARRATORS exit. All is quiet inside the Castle. GASTON and the MOB don't notice anything as they pass through the foyer, which is filled with silent SERVANTS. **#26 THE BATTLE**.)

LEFOU

Gaston, this place gives me the creeps.

GASTON Shhhh! **CHIP** Charge! (The whole castle seems to come alive as the SERVANTS descend on the unsuspecting VILLAGERS. BABETTE corners a VILLAGER.) **BABETTE** Say, you're cute. **VILLAGER** (shyly) Naaah... **BABETTE** Oooooooh. (BABETTE backs the VILLAGER into LUMIERE, who lights the VILLAGER's pants on fire. The VILLAGER runs off. LUMIERE exits. COGSWORTH appears chasing another VILLAGER.) **COGSWORTH** Tally ho! Tally ho!!! (MRS. POTTS enters with CHIP in the teacart. LEFOU sees them and crosses.) MRS. POTTS You look like you could use a nice cup of tea! **LEFOU** Tea? Oh, thank you! **CHIP** Here ya go! (CHIP spits tea in LEFOU's face.) **MRS. POTTS** Take that, you scurvy scum!

(MRS. POTTS swings her spout, hitting LEFOU. LEFOU stumbles blindly as MRS. POTTS exits with CHIP.)

LEFOU

Where did everybody go?

(LEFOU crosses into MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, dressed as Brunhilde. She stuns LEFOU with a high note. LEFOU turns and runs. Various VILLAGERS and SERVANTS enter and exit as the battle increases in intensity. At the climax of the music, the battle shifts offstage. **#27 FIGHT IN THE WEST WING**. A NARRATOR enters.)

NARRATOR 4

While the Beast's servants battled the villagers, Gaston made his way to the west wing.

(The NARRATOR exits. GASTON enters the west wing and sees the BEAST.)

GASTON

Ha! You're even uglier in the flesh!

(The BEAST looks at GASTON then turns away. GASTON strides across the room and kicks him down. The BEAST groans but doesn't fight back.)

Did you really think a girl like Belle would want a thing like you? She despises you, Beast!

BEAST

No.

GASTON

It's over, Beast. Belle is mine!

(GASTON stabs the BEAST in the back as BELLE enters.)

BELLE

No!

(The BEAST turns and grabs GASTON, ready to kill him.)

GASTON

(desperate)

Let me go! Let me go! I'm begging you!

(The BEAST roars, but can't hurt GASTON... he's too human now. He releases GASTON.)

BEAST

(to GASTON)

Get out.

(GASTON sags... gasping for breath. Seeing that BELLE has truly given her heart to the BEAST and ashamed at his own cowardice, GASTON runs away. The BEAST turns towards BELLE.)

Belle.

BELLE

I'm sorry...

(The BEAST staggers toward BELLE and collapses. BELLE holds the BEAST in her arms. #28 HOME - REPRISE.)

BEAST

You came back.

BELLE

(struggling with the tears)

Of course I came back. I couldn't let them— If only I'd come sooner...

BEAST

Maybe it's better this way.

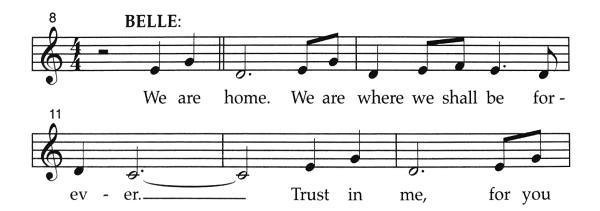
BELLE

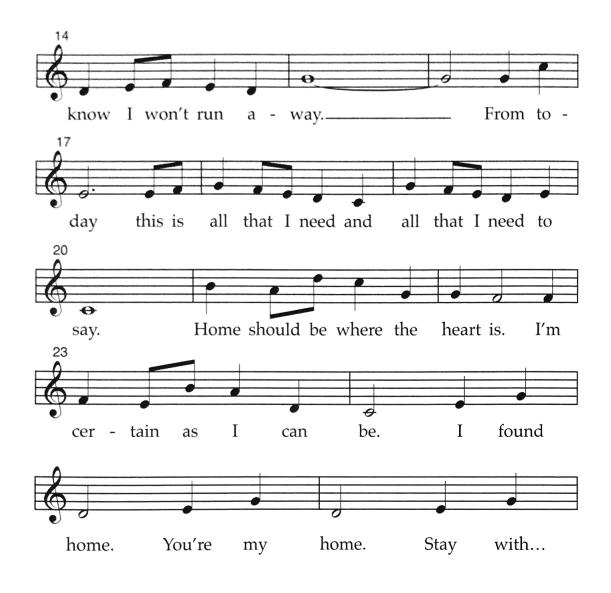
Shhh... We're together now. You'll see.

BEAST

At least I got to see you one last—

Home (Reprise)





BEAST

(gasps)

Belle... I...

BELLE

(sobbing)

Yes?

(The BEAST dies.)

No... No! Please! Don't leave me. Please, I love you.

(BELLE collapses on the BEAST's chest. And the last rose petal falls. #29 TRANSFORMATION. Then, the BEAST transforms. The PRINCE turns to BELLE and holds out his hand.)

PRINCE

Belle, look into my eyes. Don't you recognize me?

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(looks closer)

It is you!

(BELLE and the PRINCE embrace. MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH enter. They have transformed into people!)

MRS. POTTS

Oh my! Oh goodness me!

LUMIERE

The spell is broken!

COGSWORTH

We're human again!

(*The PRINCE runs to them.*)

PRINCE

Mrs. Potts!

LUMIERE

Master!

PRINCE

Lumiere! Cogsworth! Oh, my Cogsworth!

(BELLE takes the PRINCE's hand.)

Belle, let's go find your father!

(The PRINCE and BELLE exit.)

COGSWORTH

Who was that young man?

LUMIERE

The Prince!

COGSWORTH

No it wasn't!

LUMIERE

It most certainly was!

(BABETTE enters. She's back to her voluptuous self.)

BABETTE

Yoo-hoo! Bonjour, handsome.

LUMIERE

Babette! You look so... much better!

BABETTE

Oh, Lumiere... I like you better this way too.

(MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE enters, back to a diva.)

COGSWORTH

Madame, may I say that you look ravishing!

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

Thank you, Cogsworth. I simply can't believe this gown fits me again after all these years!

(#30 FINALE.)

CHIP

(offstage)

Mama! Mama!

MRS. POTTS

Chip!

(tearfully)

Oh my boy... my boy!

(CHIP, the little boy, runs to greet his mother.)

CHIP

Are they gonna live happily ever after, Mama?

MRS. POTTS

Of course, my dear. Of course.

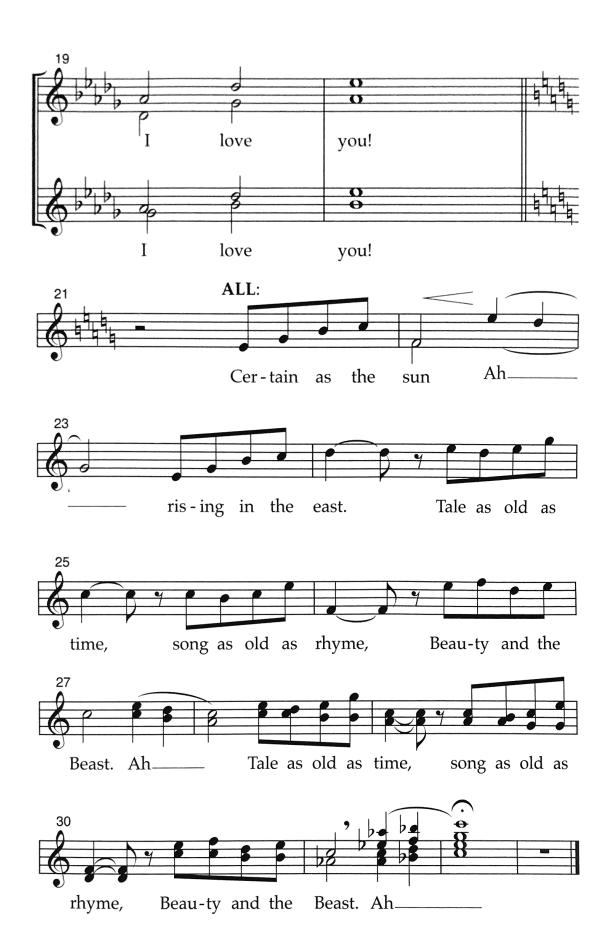
CHIP

Do I still have to sleep in the cupboard?

(The rest of the castle SERVANTS enter, all finally human again. BELLE and the PRINCE enter with MAURICE. MAURICE greets CHIP and MRS. POTTS as BELLE and the PRINCE dance.)

Finale





(END OF PLAY. #31 BOWS. #32 EXIT MUSIC.)