

ACT TWO — SCENE 11

The Wizard's chamber (humbug).

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Magic Smoke Chords

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(Orchestra)

The flames are billowing as DOROTHY, TINMAN, LION and SCARECROW enter with more confidence than previously.

OZ. Step forward if you dare. (DOROTHY advances with the broom)
Can I believe my eyes? Why have you come back?

DOROTHY. Please, sir. We've done what you told us. We've brought you t
he broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West. We melted her.

OZ. Oh, you liquidated her, eh? (*Laughs at his own joke*) Very resourceful!

DOROTHY. Yes, sir. So we'd like you to keep your promise to us, — if you please, sir.

OZ. Not so fast! Not so fast! I'll have to give the matter a little thought!
Go away, and come back tomorrow!

DOROTHY. Tomorrow? Oh, but I want to go home now!

TINMAN. You've had plenty of time already!

LION. Yeah!

The WIZARD'S machine roars.

OZ. Do not arouse the wrath of the Great and Powerful Oz!
I said come back tomorrow!

DOROTHY. If you were really great and powerful, you'd keep your promises!

OZ. Do you presume to criticize the Great Oz? (*Machine roars*)
You ungrateful creatures! (*Machine roars*)
Think yourselves lucky that I'm giving you an
audience tomorrow, instead of twenty years from now!

*The machine roars again. From behind the curtained booth,
there is movement and the sound of TOTO barking.*

DOROTHY. Toto?

DOROTHY *moves towards the booth. The barking and movement continue.*

OZ. The Great Oz has spoken! Now go!

DOROTHY. Toto, come out of there!

OZ. I said go!

DOROTHY *draws back the curtain and we discover a small man (MARVEL) manipulating levers and speaking into a microphone.*

OZ. Oh! *(Tries to close the curtains again.)*
Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.
The Great and Powerful Oz — *(Gives up)* — has spoken —

DOROTHY. Who are you?

OZ. Well, I-I — I am the Great and Powerful — Wizard of Oz.

DOROTHY. You are?

OZ. Uh —

DOROTHY. I don't believe you!

OZ. No, I'm afraid it's true. There's no other Wizard except me.

SCARECROW. You humbug!

LION. Yeah!

OZ. Yes — that's exactly so — I'm a humbug.

DOROTHY. Oh ... you're a very bad man!

OZ. Oh, no, my dear. I-I'm a very good man. I'm just a very bad wizard.

SCARECROW. What about the heart you promised Tinman?

OZ. Well, I —

TINMAN & LION. And Scarecrow's brain?

OZ. Why, anybody can have a brain. That's a very mediocre commodity. Back where I come from we have Universities — where men go to become great thinkers. And when they come out, they think