

ACT TWO,

Scene 3

(AT THE WIZARD'S PALACE -

#19a - Ballroom Transition

WE TRANSITION. We see the Ball at the WIZARD'S PALACE - GUESTS dance...
GLINDA AND FIYERO, looking gorgeous and perfectly in love, dance by.

ELPHABA appears, and unseen, watches GLINDA and FIYERO... when suddenly ...)

WIZARD

I knew you'd be back.

(ELPHABA turns, startled to find the WIZARD)

Just hear me out - I don't want to harm you.

ELPHABA

(fiercely)

Well, you have. You have harmed me.

WIZARD

(heartfelt)

I know that. And I regret it.

(starts towards her)

Elphaba -

ELPHABA

Stay where you are!

(HE freezes)

I'm setting those Monkeys free. And if you try to interfere, or call your guards -

WIZARD

I'm not going to call anyone! Truth is - I'm glad to see you again. It gets pretty lonely for me around here.

(beat, gently)

I know you must get lonely, too.

ELPHABA

You don't know the first thing about me.

(SHE turns away from him.)

WIZARD

(Realizing it, as he says it)

Oh, but I do. I know the real reason you came back here. It's why everyone comes to see the Wizard. So I'll grant their heart's desire.

ELPHABA

I don't want anything from you!

WIZARD

Sure you do. You want to stop fighting, stop running... Elphaba, you've been so strong through all of this. Aren't you tired of being the strong one? Wouldn't you like someone to take care of you?

(SHE is completely nonplussed)

Please— can't we start again?

#20 – Wonderful

ELPHABA

Don't you think I wish I *could*? I would give anything to turn back the clocks! Go back to that time when I actually believed— that you were wonderful. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz!

(beat)

No one believed in you more than I did.

WIZARD

Elphaba— try to understand: I never had a family of my own— I was always travelin'. So, I guess I just— wanted to give the citizens of Oz everything

ELPHABA

So you lied to them.

WIZARD

Only verbally. Besides, they were the lies they wanted to hear! I never asked for this...

(sings)

OR PLANNED IT IN ADVANCE
I WAS MERELY BLOWN HERE
BY THE WINDS OF CHANCE
I NEVER SAW MYSELF
AS A SOLOMON OR SOCRATES
I KNEW WHO I WAS:
ONE OF YOUR DIME A DOZEN
MEDIOCRITIES

(WIZARD)

THEN SUDDENLY I'M HERE
RESPECTED – WORSHIPPED EVEN
JUST BECAUSE THE FOLKS IN OZ
NEEDED SOMEONE TO BELIEVE IN
DOES IT SURPRISE YOU
I GOT HOOKED, AND ALL TOO SOON?
WHAT CAN I SAY?
I GOT CARRIED AWAY
AND NOT JUST BY BALLOON ...

WONDERFUL
THEY CALLED ME "WONDERFUL"
SO I SAID "WONDERFUL – IF YOU INSIST
I WILL BE WONDERFUL –
AND THEY SAID "WONDERFUL"
BELIEVE ME, IT'S HARD TO RESIST
'CAUSE IT FEELS WONDERFUL
THEY THINK I'M WONDERFUL
HEY LOOK WHO'S WONDERFUL – THIS CORN-FED HICK
WHO SAID: "IT MIGHT BE KEEN
TO BUILD A TOWN OF GREEN
AND A WONDERFUL ROAD OF YELLOW BRICK"!

ELPHABA

But it's all just – smoke and mirrors! And *that's* the truth!

WIZARD

(sings)

THE TRUTH IS NOT A THING OF FACT OR REASON,
THE TRUTH IS JUST WHAT EV'RYONE AGREES ON

(speaks to her)

Where I'm from, we believe all sorts of things that aren't true. We call it – "history."

(sings again)

A MAN'S CALLED A TRAITOR – OR LIBERATOR
A RICH MAN'S A THIEF – OR PHILANTHROPIST
IS ONE A CRUSADER – OR RUTHLESS INVADER?
IT'S ALL IN WHICH LABEL
IS ABLE TO PERSIST
THERE ARE PRECIOUS FEW AT EASE

(WIZARD)

WITH MORAL AMBIGUITIES
SO WE ACT AS THOUGH THEY DON'T EXIST

THEY CALL ME "WONDERFUL"
SO I AM WONDERFUL
IN FACT, IT'S SO MUCH WHO I AM,
IT'S PART OF MY NAME
AND WITH MY HELP, YOU CAN BE THE SAME!
AT LONG, LONG LAST RECEIVE YOUR DUE—
LONG OVERDUE
ELPHABA—THE MOST CELEBRATED
ARE THE REHABILITATED
THERE'LL BE SUCH A... WHOOP-DE-DOO
A CELEBRATION THROUGHOUT OZ
THAT'S ALL TO DO—WITH YOU ...
WONDERFUL
THEY'LL CALL YOU WONDERFUL...

ELPHABA

IT DOES SOUND WONDERFUL...

WIZARD

TRUST ME—IT'S FUN
WHEN YOU ARE WONDERFUL ...

ELPHABA

I COULD BE WONDERFUL!?

WIZARD

YES! WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL -

#20a – Set Free The Monkeys

ELPHABA

Wait!—

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSITION...

WIZARD

Wonderful!

ELPHABA

ON ONE CONDITION—

WIZARD

Yes?

ELPHABA

YOU SET THOSE MONKEYS FREE ...

(The WIZARD waits a moment, as if this is an important consideration to him. Then he smiles, crosses to the lever that controls the Monkeys' cage ...)

WIZARD

DONE!

(HE pulls the lever, the cage opens, and the WINGED MONKEYS spill out. THEY DANCE WITH EXCITEMENT, as ELPHABA laughs with delight . THEY fly out.

ONE MONKEY comes to her and looks up at her with gratitude – it's Chistery. THEY have a moment together, then –

ELPHABA

Fly Chistery, you're free. Go fly.

Thank you, thank you, your Ozness.

(And he does. ELPHABA is jubilant, until SHE notices ...ONE FIGURE, TREMBLING UNDER A BLANKET.)

You! Under the blanket!

(The WIZARD suddenly realizes –)

WIZARD

Oh no! WAIT!

(But it's too late, SHE'S lifting the blanket –)

ELPHABA

Get up now, get –

#20b – Dillamond Discovered

(SHE pulls the blanket off, revealing a trembling, terrified DOCTOR DILLAMOND. ELPHABA GASPS.)

No... it can't be! Doctor Dillamond!

WIZARD

(a desperate man)

Elphaba – we couldn't let him continue speaking out!

ELPHABA

Doctor Dillamond, are you alright?

(ELPHABA)

(The GOAT stares blankly at ELPHABA.)

Don't be afraid -- it's me, Elphaba.

(SHE waits...no response)

Dr. Dillamond, don't you remember me?

(All at once the GOAT EMITS A SMALL BLEAT.)

Can't you speak?

*(The GOAT emits another horrible BLEAT. ELPHABA stares at the WIZARD...
with growing fury)*

Do You want to know my hearts desire? It's to fight you till the day I die!

*(And with this the WIZARD immediately rushes behind his HEAD; THE HEAD
SPEAKS -)*

WIZARD VOICE

GUARDS! GUARDS!

(Suddenly DILLAMOND bolts from the room!)

ELPHABA

Doctor Dillamond--?!

(Realizing he's run off)

Oh no, Doctor Dillamond -- come back!

(SHE runs to the door, but TWO GUARDS APPEAR in the doorway -)

GUARD

HALT!

*(ELPHABA backs away from them, brandishing her broom as a bayonet, when suddenly
FIYERO appears in the doorway -)*

FIYERO

Are you alright, your Ozness?

ELPHABA

Fiyero!

(HE turns, sees her...)

FIYERO

I don't believe it.

(ELPHABA runs to him...)

ELPHABA

Oh, Fiyero, thank Oz --!

(Suddenly FIYERO points his rifle at her)

FIYERO

Silence, Witch!

1ST GUARD

There's a goat on the lam, sir!

FIYERO

(HIS rifle still trained on ELPHABA)

Never mind all that. Just fetch me some water.

1ST GUARD

Water, sir?!

FIYERO

You heard me! As much as you can carry!

BOTH GUARDS

Yes sir!

(The GUARDS exit.)

ELPHABA

Fiyero... not you, too!

FIYERO

I said SILENCE!

(FIYERO moves to the HEAD, and pulls the shocked, scared WIZARD into view -)

WIZARD

No -!

FIYERO

Don't make a sound, your Ozness. Unless you want all your guests to know the truth about the Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

(turns to her)

Elphaba, I'll find Dillamond later, now get out of here -!

(But SHE can't leave... not yet.)

ELPHABA

Fiyero - you frightened me. I thought you might have - changed.

FIYERO

I have changed.

(All at once GLINDA appears in the doorway.)

GLINDA

What's going on—?

(SHE breaks off, seeing ELPHABA —)

Elphie! Thank Oz you're alive!

(GLINDA runs to a confused, tongue-tied ELPHABA —)

Only— you shouldn't have come! If anyone discovers you...!

FIYERO

Glinda— you'd better go.

(GLINDA turns, sees FIYERO with the WIZARD.)

GLINDA

Fiyero— what are you...?

FIYERO

Please, just go back to the ball!

GLINDA

(in desperation, to the WIZARD)

Your Ozness— he means no disrespectation! Please understand— we all went to school together—

FIYERO

Elphaba— !

GLINDA

Fiyero, have you misplaced your mind?! What are you doing?

FIYERO

I'm going with her.

GLINDA

Whaat?

ELPHABA

Whaat?

(BOTH WOMEN stare at him, in shock. Then —)

GLINDA

What are you saying? That, all this time— the two of you— behind my back—

ELPHABA

Glinda, no! It wasn't like that!

FIYERO

Well, it was, but— it wasn't.

(FIYERO crosses to Elphaba—)

Let's go. Let's go!

GLINDA

(bitterly)

Fine! Go!

(FIYERO pulls ELPHABA out of the room, as GLINDA calls after them—)

You deserve each other!

(The WIZARD takes a little green bottle out of his pocket, drinks.)

WIZARD

Here... have a swig of this.

(SHE looks up, HE holds it out to her. SHE looks at it.)

Dulls the pain.

GLINDA

No thank you.

(The WIZARD shrugs, drinks again. Suddenly MORRIBLE appears, beaming.)

MORRIBLE

Is it true? Your betroth-ed has brought her into custody?

*(GLINDA buries her face in her hands, SOBS. MORRIBLE turns to the WIZARD:
What did I say?)*

WIZARD

I'm afraid our new Captain of the Guard had other plans.

MORRIBLE

What? She's not been captured?

WIZARD

Quite the opposite. And considering how well she eluded us, last time--

MORRIBLE

We must smoke her out. Force her to show herself.

WIZARD

But how?

GLINDA

(face still buried)

Her sister.

MORRIBLE

What's that? What did she say?

(Beat. SHE looks up at them both, tear-stained.)

GLINDA

Use her sister.

(beat)

Spread a rumor. Make her think her sister is in trouble. She will fly to her side. And you'll have her.

WIZARD

Oh! Now that's good.

(GLINDA stands. Tries to pull herself together)

GLINDA

And now if your Ozness will excuse me, I have a slight headache. I think I'll — lie down.

(SHE exits.)

MORRIBLE

A rumor won't do it —, Elphaba's too smart.

#21 — *I'm Not That Girl* — Reprise

WIZARD

Far too smart.

(A beat, THEY look at each other)

Perhaps a change in the weather.

(And WE HEAR a rumble of thunder and perhaps see a distant flash of lightning, as ...)