



Animals that eat straw?  
SCARECROW

Some, but mostly lions and tigers and bears.  
TIN MAN

Lions?  
DOROTHY

And tigers?  
SCARECROW

And bears.  
TIN MAN

Oh my!  
DOROTHY

Lions and tigers and bears!  
SCARECROW, TIN MAN

Oh, my!  
DOROTHY

Lions and tigers and bears!  
SCARECROW, TIN MAN

Oh, my!  
DOROTHY

Lions and tigers and bears!  
SCARECROW, TIN MAN

*The LION enters, growling ferociously!*

Put 'em up! Put 'em up! I'll fight you with one paw tied behind my back.  
I'll fight you standing on one foot. I'll fight you with my eyes closed.  
LION

Go away and let us alone!  
TIN MAN

Oh, scared, huh? How long can you stay fresh in that can?  
*(Laughs)* Come on! Get up and fight!  
LION

Yes, Scarecrow, get up and teach him a lesson.  
TIN MAN

What's wrong with you teaching him a lesson?  
SCARECROW



TIN MAN

I hardly know him.

TOTO

Grrrrrr. Grrrrrr.

*The LION spots TOTO.*

LION

All right Pee-Wee, I guess it's you and me!

*The LION chases TOTO, who hides behind DOROTHY.*

DOROTHY

Shame on you!

*DOROTHY raps the LION on the muzzle.*

LION

Whadcha do that for? I didn't bite him!

DOROTHY

No, but you tried to. It's bad enough picking on a straw man, but when you go around picking on poor little dogs—

LION

You didn't have to go and hit me, did you? Is my nose bleeding?

DOROTHY

Of course not. My goodness, what a fuss you're making. Why, you're nothing but a great big coward!

LION

You're right! I am a coward. I haven't any courage at all. I even scare myself. Look at the circles under my eyes. I haven't slept in weeks.

TIN MAN

Why don't you try counting sheep?

LION

That doesn't do any good... I'm afraid of 'em.

SCARECROW

Don't you think the Wizard could help him, too?

DOROTHY

I don't see why not. We're on our way to see the Wizard. I'm sure he could give you some courage.

LION

Well, wouldn't you feel degraded to be seen in the company of a cowardly lion? I would.



DOROTHY

No, of course not.

LION

That's awfully nice of you. My life has been simply unbearable.

END

No. 27

## If I Only Had the Nerve

(LION)

Yes it's sad, believe me, Missy,  
When you're born to be a sissy,  
Without the vim and verve.  
But I could show my prowess,  
Be a lion not a mou-ess, if I only had the nerve.  
I'm afraid there's no denyin',  
I'm just a dandy-lion,  
A fate I don't deserve.  
I'd be brave as a blizzard.

TIN MAN

I'd be gentle as a lizard.

SCARECROW

I'd be clever as a gizzard.

DOROTHY

If the wizard is a wizard who will serve.

SCARECROW

Then I'm sure to get a brain—

TIN MAN

A heart—

DOROTHY

A home—

LION

The nerve.

ALL

We're off to see the Wizard,  
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

*THEY exit as the WICKED WITCH enters.*