

GUARD

Who rang that bell?

LION

(Clutching his heart)
Don't do that!

TINMAN, DOROTHY & SCARECROW

We did.

GUARD

Can't you read?

SCARECROW

Read what?

GUARD

The notice!

DOROTHY, SCARECROW, TINMAN & LION

What notice?

GUARD

It's on the door - as plain as the nose on my face!

*(The **GUARD** looks for The Notice)*

It's a -oh -oh.

*(The **GUARD** moves back from the window and looks off)*

Just a minute.

*(The **GUARD** disappears for a moment and then slaps a large notice on the outside of the door. After he slams the window shut, the four friends read the notice)*

DOROTHY, SCARECROW, TINMAN & LION

Bell out of order - please knock.

*(**DOROTHY** steps up to the door, and raising the large knocker, knocks. Again, the window shoots open)*

GUARD

Well, that's more like it. Now, state your business.

DOROTHY, SCARECROW, TINMAN & LION

We want to see the Wizard.

GUARD

Oh, - oh - the Wizard? A - but nobody can see the great Oz! Nobody's ever seen the great Oz! Even I've never seen him!

DOROTHY

Well then, how do you know there is one?

GUARD

Because, because, because, because, because - he's - um because - well... if there wasn't a Wizard... um... why would you be here?

DOROTHY

Oh - oh, please. Please, Sir. I've got to see The Wizard. The Good Witch of the North sent me.

GUARD

Prove it!

SCARECROW

She's wearing the ruby slippers she gave her!

[MUSIC NO.27 "GUARD ENTRANCE"]

GUARD

Uh...

*(The **GUARD** stretches out and looks down at **DOROTHY'S** feet)*

So she is! Well, bust my buttons! Why didn't you say that in the first place? That's a horse of a different color!