
The Wiz
Music: Charlie Smalls
Lyrics: Charlie Smalls
Book: William F. Brown
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PROLOGUE/ OVERTURE.

DOROTHY: (Off stage)
Toto! Toto, you come back here!

AUNT EM:
Dorothy...

DOROTHY: (Running across the stage)
Toto! You hear me?

AUNT EM:
Dorothy, I been needin' help all afternoon!

DOROTHY:
Soon as I get Toto, Aunt Em. Toto!

UNCLE HENRY: (Enters)
You an' Dorothy at it again, Emily?

AUNT EM:
Lord, I don't believe that child!

UNCLE HENRY:
You'd better hurry up, a big storm is heading this way. (Exits)

DOROTHY: (Entering with TOTO)
Now what was it you wanted me to do?

AUNT EM:
I did it m'self!

DOROTHY:
Oh.

AUNT EM:
I wanted a hand with these here clothes before the storm blew 'em all away!

DOROTHY:
I'm sorry, Aunt Em. I didn't...

AUNT EM:
...think. No, you never do, child. Now we're fixin' for a twister an' you're playin' games with that dog.
And in your
Sunday dress, too! Serve you right if you both blew away!

DOROTHY:
I imagine it would.

AUNT EM:
What was that?

DOROTHY: (Sitting)
Aw, I'm not much help around here for you and Uncle Henry. Always daydreaming and stuff. I bet it would be a big load off your back if I did blow away, wouldn't it?

AUNT EM:
I imagine it would.

(MUSIC CUE: "THE FEELING WE ONCE HAD")

DOROTHY:
It would?

AUNT EM:
Dorothy...you know how much your Uncle Henry and I love you, don't you?

Put your arms around me, child
Like when you bumped your shin
Then you'll know i love you now
As i loved you then

Though you may be trying sometimes
And i'll need you and you're not there
I may get mad and turn you away
But i still care

But you shouldn't ask for more
Than can come from me
I am different than you are,
And one day you'll see

If i lose my patience with you
And i suddenly start to scream
It's only because i want you to be
What i see in my dreams

And i'd like to know that it's there
The feeling we once had
Knowing that you can come to me
Whenever you're feeling sad.

(don't lose the feeling we once had
Don't lose the feeling we once had)

Though you are growing older now
And i'm watching you grow
And if i make you sad sometimes
I see your feelings show