

OVERTURE

(...which climaxes in the reveal of a large, striped vortex that seems to lead to infinity.
The Cat in the Hat pops up in the center.)

ACT I

OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK

CAT IN THE HAT

After all those years being stuck on a page,
Did you ever imagine you'd see me onstage?
Now I'm here, there is no telling what may ensue!
No, there's no telling what!
But I'll give you a clue....

(He slides down the vortex)

Oh, the thinks you can think!
Oh, the thinks you can think
If you're willing to try...

Think invisible ink!
Or a gink with a stink!
Or a stair to the sky..
If you open your mind,
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose...
Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!

(The vortex swirls away. Seussian characters begin to climb out of the floor, fly down from the rafters, enter left and right).

CAT AND COMPANY

Seuss!
Seuss!
Seuss!

MEN

Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

WOMEN

Seuss!

ALL

Oh, the thinks you can think!
Any thinker who thinks
Can come up with a few!

CAT, HORTON, MAYZIE, GERTRUDE, MAYOR, & MRS. MAYOR
Oh, the thinks you can think!

ALL
Think a trip on a ship
To the Vipper of Vipp
Or to Solla Sollew...
Think of beautiful schlopp

CAT
With A cherry on top-

ALL
You don't need an excuse!
Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!
Seuss, Seuss, Seuss,-
Seuss....

Hmm!

ALL
Think!

HORTON
Of an elephant up in a tree

ALL
Think!

MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR
Of a person too tiny to see!

ALL
Think!

GERTRUDE
...of a bird with a one-feather tail

ALL
Going on adventure down a dangerous trail!

ALL
Think!

MAYZIE
...of a bird who flies off on a spree!

ALL
Think!

SOUR KANGAROO
...of a kangaroo, sour as can be!

ALL
Think!

SCHMITZ
...of a general crazy for war!

ALL
Think of a cat who pops up at your door!

CAT
How d'ya do and hello!
I'll be running the show!
I'm your host and emcee!

ALL
He's your host and emcee!

CAT
I'll pop up Here and There

ALL
And you'll never know where,
Who or what he might be!

CAT ALL
You'll see! You'll see!

CAT
Take a tip from the cat
And hold onto your hat!

ALL
'Cause this ain't mother goose!

CAT

Think right over the brink!

ALL

When you think about Seuss!

MEN WOMEN

Seu-u-u-u-u

Seu... Seu...

Seu-u-u-uss Seuss!

Seu-u-u-u-u

Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

CAT

An unusual story will soon be unfurled
Of an elephant trying to save a small world
And a boy from that world who has troubles galore....

CAT

Just think!

WHOS

From the Planet of Who

JOJO

And the smallest of small.

CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE

To the jungle of Nool,

HORTON

And the largest of all

GROUP 1 GROUP 2

You think You think

And think and think and think and think
and think

And think and think and think and think
and think

And think and think and think and think
and think

And think and think and think!
and think!

ALL

Just think!

Oh, the thinks you can think
Think and wonder and dream-
Far and wide as you dare!

CAT

Oh, the thinks you can think!

ALL

When your thinks have run dry,
In the blink of an eye
There's another think there!
If you open your mind,
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose!
Oh, the thinks you can think

BARITONES AND BASSES

Oh, the thinks you can think

ALL

Oh, the thinks you can think!

TENORS

Oh, the thinks you can think!

ALL

Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!

GROUP 1 GROUP 2 GROUP 3 GROUP 4

Seu-u-u-u Seu ... Seu.. Seuss! Seuss!
Seu ... Seu.. Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-u Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-u-u Seu ... Seu ... Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss!

ALL

Seuss!

(Jungle drums begin. The "Jungle of Nool" is revealed. Horton the elephant is bathing in a jungle pool. The jungle citizens enter, along with the bird girls, a flamboyant "girl group" of the jungle)

HORTON HEARS A WHO

JUNGLE CITIZENS

Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah dah dah
Who who wah dah
Who who

HORTON

On the fifteenth of May
In the jungle of Nool
In the heat of the day,
In the cool of the pool,
He was splashing

JUNGLE CITIZENS

Splash!

HORTON

Enjoying the jungle's great joys
When Horton the elephant

BIRD GIRLS

Horton the Elephant

HORTON, BIRD GIRLS, ALL

Horton the elephant
Heard a small noise.

MAYOR (OFFSTAGE VOICE)

Help! Help!

BIRD GIRL #1

So Horton stopped splashing
He looked toward the sound

HORTON

That's funny.

BIRD GIRLS

Thought Horton-

HORTON
There's no one around.

BIRD GIRL #3
Then he heard it again

BIRD GIRL #2
Just a very faint yelp

HORTON
As if some tiny person were calling for help

MAYOR (OFFSTAGE VOICE)
Help! Help!

HORTON
I'll help you

BIRD GIRLS
Said Horton

HORTON
But who are you, and where?

BIRD GIRLS
He looked and he looked.
He could see nothing there

HORTON
But a small speck of dust
Blowing past,

HORTON, BIRD GIRLS
Through the air.

HORTON
I say! How confusing!
I've never heard tell
Of a small speck of dust that is able to yell,
So you know what I think?
Why I think that there must be someone on top of that small speck of dust.
Some poor little person
Who's shaking with fear
That he'll blow in the pool!
He has no way to steer!

He's alone in the universe!

I'll just have to save him
Because after all,
A person's a person, no matter how small.
A person's a person no matter how-

HORTON JUNGLE CITIZENS

Small... Who who wah dah
who who who wah dah dah dah
who who wah dah
who who

BIRD GIRLS # 1,2,3

So, gently, and using
The greatest of care,
The elephant stretched
His great trunk through the air,
And he lifted the dust speck
And carried it over
And placed it down,

HORTON

Safe!

BIRD GIRLS

On a very soft clover.

BIGGEST BLAME FOOL

SOUR KANGAROO

Humpf! ... Humped a voice.
'Twas a sour kangaroo,
And the young kangaroo in her pouch said:

YOUNG KANGAROO (HAND PUPPET PLAYED BY SOUR KANGAROO)

"Humpf"

SOUR KANGAROO

Too!

SOUR KANGAROO

Why that speck is as small
As the head of a pin.
A person on that?
Why there never has been!

You're the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool
And I don't care who I tell. The biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool,

YOUNG KANGAROO
And I think so as well!

SOUR KANGAROO
Maybe I'm nasty, maybe I'm cruel
But you're the biggest blame fool

YOUNG KANGAROO
In the Jungle of Nool.

HORTON
It's true. Please believe me! I tell you sincerely
My ears are quite keen and I heard him quite clearly
I know there's a person down there. And what's more,
Quite likely there's two, even three, even four!

(The Wickersham brothers enter, cool and menacing. They are a trio of monkeys)

WICKERSHAM #2
Ha! Laughed a voice!

WICKERSHAM #1,3
Ha! Laughed some others!

WICKERSHAMS
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Laughed the Wickersham brothers!
Oh, he's the biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of Nool
And monkeys like us should know.

SOUR KANGAROO
No, no, no, no!

WICKERSHAMS
We've been out on a limb
Lookin' down on him-

WICKERSHAM #1
And he's fat!

WICKERSHAM #2

He's dumb!

WICKERSHAM #3

He's slow!

SOUR KANGAROO

Uh huh!

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS

Elephants ain't too swift as a rule

But he's the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool.

'Cause he's talkin' to a speck - talkin' to a speck -

To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAM #3

Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

WICKERSHAMS & BIRD GIRLS & SOUR KANGAROO

Talkin' to a speck - talkin' to a speck -

To a speck of dust!

WICKERSHAM #3

Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

SOUR KANGAROO

R-e-s-p-e-c-k!

Oh, please! Take that speck away!

ALL

Did you hear? Did you hear?

Did you, did you hear?

BIRD GIRLS

Through the jungle, the news quickly spread.

ALL

Did you hear? Did you hear?

Did you, did you hear?

BIRD GIRLS

He talks to a dust speck!

He's out of his head!

CAT (as talk show host, ad libs to the audience)

Our topic today is "psychic elephants who he4r voices."

Whaddaya think, folks...

Is the elephant off his trunk?
We'll be right back with "speck", "clover", "dust", "neighbor", 'who'....

(He holds the microphone to the clover for a beat)

Stay tuned - we'll be right back!

ALL
Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of Nool

(The cat interviews Gertrude McFuzz)

GERTRUDE
I'm Gertrude McFuzz, and I live right next door.
He's never done anything crazy before.

ALL
Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of Nool

GERTRUDE
He's always been friendly and loyal and kind.
I just don't believe Horton's out of his mind!

ALL
Did you hear? Did you hear?
Did you, did you hear?

(Mayzie la bird is now interviewed)

MAYZIE
I'm Mayzie La Bird
And I live in that tree.

ALL
Did you hear? Did you hear?
Did you, did you hear?

MAYZIE
Enough about Horton. Let's talk about me!

MAYZIE, BIRD GIRLS
Let's talk about, talk about,
Talk about, talk about...
Me!

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)

Talkin' to a speck
Talkin' to a speck
To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAM #3 SOUR KANGAROO

Blame fool in the Just a fool, just a fool
Jungle of Nool Just a fool

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)

Talkin' to a speck
Talkin' to a speck
To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAM #3 SOUR KANGAROO

Blame fool in the Fool!
Jungle of Nool

HORTON

I just have to save them, because after all
A person's a person no matter how small.

HORTON & GERTRUDE

A person's a person no matter how...

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON & GERTRUDE)

Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of Nool
In the jungle, anywhere.
Check the big nervous wreck
Who's protectin' a speck
When he knows there's no one there!

WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3

Actin' as if he's holdin' a jewel

SOUR KANGAROO

Somebody stuck a trunk on a mule!
Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of

ALL SOUR KANGAROO

Nool, Nool, Nool! (riffs)
In the Jungle of Nool, Nool, Nool!
In the Jungle of Nool, Nool, Nool!

(All exit miss Gertrude McFuzz sings -"On the fifteenth of may" - Reprise, as she takes notice of Horton. He is left alone. He hears the cry again)

HERE ON WHO

MAYOR (OFFSTAGE)
Help! Help!

CAT
Then he heard it again.
That small cry in the blue.

MAYOR (OFFSTAGE)
Help!

CAT
Horton still couldn't see them...
But I'll show them to you!

(The cat holds a magnifying glass to Horton's clover, and as he does, a large one descends and we see Mr. and Mrs. Mayor)

HORTON
Hello?
Is anyone there?
Who are you?

MAYOR
Well,
We're who's here.
We are Whos here.
Smaller than the eye can see.
It's true, sir.
We're who's who, sir.
I'm a who and so is she.

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR
We're tiny little people
Blowing by in the air,
Wondering how and why
We're on who,
The ti-iniest
Planet in the sky!

(The entire Who population enters)

WHOS

A-ladela-deladela who who

A-ladela-deladela who

TWO WHO SOPRANOS

Who!

WHOS

A-ladela-deladela who who

A-ladela-dela...

We're Whos here,

Win or lose here,

Struggling to stay alive.

Each gust pro-

Pels our dust. Oh,

How the heck

Do Whos survive?

At any given moment

We could crash or be drowned,

Hitting the ground, oh my!

Here on who,

The ti-iniest

Planet in the sky

WHO MEN WHO WOMEN

Who! Who! Who! Who!

MAYOR

I'm the mayor.

WHO MEN WHO WOMEN

Who! Who! Who! Who!

MRS. MAYOR

I'm his wife.

WHO MEN WHO WOMEN

Who! Who! Who! Who!

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR

Just imagine the Whos' unusual life!

WHO FAMILY #1

Picture the tiniest houses and grocery stores.

WHO WOMEN

Who...

WHO FAMILY #2

Tiny umbrellas that drip on the tiniest floors.

WHO MEN

Who...

WHO FAMILY #3

The tiniest tunnels and tiniest streets.

WHO FAMILY #4

Miniature buses

With miniature seats.

WHO FAMILY #5

Miniature buildings

With miniature windows and doors!

HORTON

No smaller town than yours

(The Who marching band enters)

WHOS

We've got a marching band

That is small but grand

Oh, you ought to hear them wail!

(The band plays a few wild riffs on strange Who instruments)

WHOS

And the Grinch is here

And every year,

GRINCH

I re-enact my Christmas tale!

(He begins to declaim)

Every who down in Whoville

Liked Christmas a lot...

But the Grinch, who lived just north of Whoville

Did not!

(As the Whos dance, Horton accidentally tips the clover at various angles, causing the Whos to teeter off-balance.)

MAYOR

Imagine a place that is tidy
And totally clean,

WHOS

Who...

GRINCH

Where even a Grinch
Wouldn't dare to be
Totally mean!

WHOS

Who...

MAYOR

You think that it's heaven on earth
Yes, you do!
But heaven on earth isn't heaven on Who!

WHOS

Troubles on Who
Are the biggest that you've ever seen.

MAYOR

We're on the brink of war, they say

WHOS, MAYOR

We're going to war, and oh my!

MAYOR

'Cause if we do, then here on Who

WHOS, MAYOR

Well, you can kiss Whoville goodbye!

MAYOR

Our skies are unbearably dark

MRS. MAYOR

And war is unbearably near...

MAYOR

And that's not the end of our troubles
Here...

WHOS

For on the other side of town
The truffula trees were all cut down.
They once stood tall, in all their glory-
But that's another story...

So here on who
We live in fear.
We're drifting through space
And cannot steer!
A troubled and a tiny land ...
Our future's in your hand ...
It's up to
You, sir.
Please help Who, sir.
You're the only one who hears.

You must, sir! MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR
Save our dust, sir! Save our dust, sir!
Now that we have reached
Your ears!

We're tiny little people
Saying thanks in advance
Hoping perchance, you'll try!
Here on Who,
The ti-iniest
Planet in the sky...

HORTON

I won't let you down.
No, I won't let you fall.
A person's a person
No matter how small.
A person's a person
No matter how small.

WHOS (gratefully)
Who!

(The Cat in the Hat "zooms in" to the tiny planet of Who with his magnifying glass, and we meet the Mayor and his family.)

MR. MAYOR

I'm the mayor of Who. Why I've just been elected.
And upright behavior is thus forth expected.
Yet here sits my son who's sent home by his teachers
For thinking strange "thinks" and inventing strange creatures!

MRS. MAYOR

We're going to speak with your teachers today and I hope they have no thing too awful to say
If you're hungry there's schlopp in the frig-a-merator.

MR. MAYOR

We're late.

MRS. MAYOR

Here's a kiss.

MR. MAYOR

And well both see you later.

(They exit, Jojo sits. a clock ticks. time passes. after awhile he senses someone else in the room. the cat magically appears-)

A DAY FOR THE CAT IN THE HAT

CAT

You're sad!
Oh dear!
Well, luckily for you
The cat is here!

Think of a day
That is rainy and gray
And as dull as they come.
And there is
Nobody there.
And you're kickin' a chair
And it's oh so ho hum!
Nothin' to do
And nobody but you
On a day that is flatter than flat.
Well, that is a day
For the cat in the hat!

Think of a house
That is small as a mouse
And as neat as a pin.
Oh, it's so tidy and clean
If you know what I mean
And your folks are not in!
No one but you
Since a quarter to two
And you've sat and you've sat and you've sat!
Oh, that is the time
For the cat in the hat

(The cat in the hat brings on a large box. When he opens it, the cat's helpers spill out.)

CAT
The cat in the hat in the hat
In the hat in the hat!

ONE HELPER
The cat

TWO HELPERS
and the cat

THREE HELPERS
and the cat

FOUR HELPERS
and the cat

CAT,HELPERS
In the hat!

Think of a day
That is rainy and gray
And I'll show you some tricks!

'Cause there is no one but you
And your folks aren't due
Till a quarter past six!

Bounce on the brink
Of whatever you think
And oh, what could be better than that!

JOJO, CAT, HELPERS

And that is the fun
Of the cat in the hat!

(A dance break, in which the cat and his helpers get up to all kinds of mischief, including messing up house, spraying silly string, bouncing on trampolines and flying kites.)

CAT, HELPERS

You've got a mind
That is one of a kind
So why hide it away!
It's time to open the locks
And think out of the box
And today is your day!
Bounce on the brink
Of whatever you think
And oh, what could be better than that?

JOJO, CAT, HELPERS

And that is the fun of the cat...

(The cat and Jojo realize that the parents are coming home. All quickly clean up the mess.)

CAT, HELPERS

In the hat!

(Jojo's parents return)

CAT

The cat in the hat!

(The cat vanishes as the parents enter. Everything is instantly the way it was. Jojo's parents tell him that he has been suspended from school for his wild "thinks." after scolding him, they send him to bed.)

MAYOR

Now take your bath and go to bed.

MRS. MAYOR

And think some normal thinks instead.

(Mr. and Mrs. Mayor exit, leaving Jojo alone. as he sings, his bathtub appears. we hear water dripping.)

IT'S POSSIBLE
(McElligot's Pool)

JOJO

Try not to think.
Try to behave.
Try not to think.
I'll think of
Taking a bath in a drippy old tub
Going plink.
Plink. Plink. Plink!
But when I think of that plinkety plink
I see fish swimming by in a school
Hey maybe this tub is...
"McElligot's Pool."

This might be a pool,
Like I've read of in books,
Connected to one of those underground brooks!
An underground river
That starts here and flows
Right under this bathtub! And then-
Who knows!

It's possible!
Anything's possible!

(Jojo's bathtub begins to rise magically)

It might go along,
Down where no one can see
Right under state highway
Two hundred and three!
Right under the wagons!
Right under the toes
Of Mrs. Umbroso! ...
Who's hanging out clothes!

It's possible!
Anything's possible.

This might be a river ,
Now mightn't it be,
Connecting McElligot's pool with the sea
Then maybe some fish might be swimming...
Swimming toward me!

(We are suddenly underwater. Seussian fish appear, and swoop through the water-they perform synchronized swimming, surfboarding, all with Jojo)

FISH, JOJO FALSETTO GROUP

Ah! Oo-wee-ee-ee-ee-ooh!

It's possible!

It's possible...

Ah! Oo-wee-ee-ee-ee-ooh!

It's possible

It's possible...

Ah!

JOJO FISH

Oh, the sea is so full Ooh ... Wah-ooh ...

Of a number of fish

If a fellow is patient Ooh ... Wah-ooh ...

He might get his wish!

And that's why I think Ooh ... Wah-ooh ...

That I'm not such a fool

When I sit here and fish When I sit here and fish

In McElligot's pool!

It's possible. It's possible

It's possible

Anything's

Possible.

It's possible. It's possible

It's possible

Anything's

Possible. Possible.

It's possible...

(And now, the fish miraculously appear upside down and all around Jojo.)

JOJO & FISH

Anything's...

Possible!

(Jojo goes to bed. It's the next morning. Jojo's parents enter. They are worried about their son)

HOW TO RAISE A CHILD

MRS. MAYOR

He's a perfect little boy

But he's acting very strange.

MAYOR

Is it all a part of growing up
Or did something make him change?
We could just lay down the law.

MRS. MAYOR

We could simply let him grow.

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR

Oh, where are the instructions on how to raise a child?
Who has the instructions on how to raise a child?
Who has all the answers?
I don't know.

(The conductor hands Mayor and Mrs. Mayor a brochure, touting a school which seems to be the answer to their problems with Jojo. When they finish reading it, General Genghis Kahn Schmitz grandly arrives.)

THE MILITARY

SCHMITZ

I'm General Genghis Kahn Schmitz.
I scare children out of their wits.
But you'll see at a glance, sir,
My school is the answer
For shirkers and dreamers and twits...
And in this case, I'd say the shoe fits!

Ten hut! Feet together. Chin up. Eyes on the prize, forward ... Harch!

(Jojo begins to march in place)

SCHMITZ

The military academy
Is the place where he should be sent.
We'll drill the silliness from his head-
I'm sure we'll make a dent!

We'll teach him fighting
And left and righting
Until he's muscled and tan!
A-hut-two-three!
He's pathetic!
A-hut-two-three!

Unathletic!
A-hut-two-three!
But I'm betting we can!
The military!
That's what makes a boy... A man!

(Cadets enter-children trying to behave like soldiers.)

CADETS
Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz,
Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz,
Schmitz.

SCHMITZ
The military's extraordinarily
Good for somebody meek.
He'll bunk with bullies who beat him up -

CADETS
At least three times a week!

SCHMITZ
He'll sweat and shiver and eat raw liver.
It's all a part of the plan!

CADETS
A-hut-two-three!

SCHMITZ
When they suffer,

CADETS
A-hut-two-three!

SCHMITZ
Boys get tougher!

CADETS
A-hut-two-three!

SCHMITZ
And it's time he began!

CADETS
The military!

That's what makes a boy
That's what makes a boy...
A man! A man!

CADETS
Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz!

(Schmitz hands Jojo's parents a contract they sign it, and march off obediently. Schmitz turns to Jojo)

SCHMITZ
Our boys believe
In the right of every who
To eat their bread
Butter side up!

CADETS
Butter side up!

SCHMITZ
One thing we trust
On this fragile spec of dust
Is eating bread
Butter side up!

JOJO
Butter side up?

SCHMITZ
And as for those who like their butter down

CADETS
Down! Down! Down!

SCHMITZ
We'll nucleate 'em!
(sfx: squish)
We'll spiff-licate 'em!
(sfx: large spring)

SCHMITZ, CADETS
We'll go to war
And run them out of town!

(Dance break in which Schmitz leads the cadets and Jojo in a series of silly maneuvers. Jojo can't keep up or fit in.)

CADETS
A-hut-two-three!

SCHMITZ
We enlist 'em.

CADETS
A-Hut-Two-Three

SCHMITZ
In our system.
And boys soon see
Nothing's easier than...
The military!

SCHMITZ CADETS
That's what makes a boy...
That's what makes a boy... That's what makes a boy ... That's what makes a boy...
A man!!! A man!!!

CADETS
(As they exit)
Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz
Schmitz, Schmitz, Schmitz!

SCHMITZ
I do not like green eggs and ham!

CADETS
Do not like green eggs and ham!

SCHMITZ
I do not like them, Sam I am!

CADETS
Do not like them, Sam I am!

SCHMITZ
Sound off!

CADETS
Eggs and ham!

SCHMITZ

Sound off!

CADETS

Sam I am!

SCHMITZ & CADETS

I do not like green eggs...

And ham!

(The cadets carry Jojo to a bunk bed and deposit him there. We see Horton, alone with his clover. Stars come out.)

ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

HORTON

I've been guarding this clover

For over a week,

Getting laughed at

For thinking a dust speck can speak.

Well, let them all laugh

I'll try not to mind,

For I have found something

That they'll never find!

There are secrets on a leaf,

In the water, in the air,

Hidden planets, tiny worlds,

All invisible!

Not a person seems to know.

Not a person seems to care.

There is no one who believes a thing I say...

Well, I'm fairly certain

At one time or other,

Great thinkers all feel this way!

I'm alone in the universe.

So alone in the universe.

I've found magic but they don't see it

They all call me a lunatic.

Ok, call me a lunatic.

If I stand on my own, so be it.

'Cause I have wings.

Yes, I can fly

Around the moon
And far beyond the sky
And one day soon
I know there you'll be
One small voice in the universe
One true friend in the universe
Who believes in me...

JOJO HORTON

I'm alone in the universe.
So alone in the universe.
My own planets and stars
Are glowing.
Alone in the universe
No one notices anything.
Not one person is listening.
They don't have any way of knowing.
Nobody knows that
I have wings
I have wings.
Yes, I can fly
I can fly
Around the moon
And far
Beyond the sky Beyond the sky

BOTH

Well someday soon
You will hear my plea

HORTON

One small voice in the universe

JOJO

One true friend in the universe

BOTH

Please believe in me ...

HORTON

Hello...hello?

JOJO (startled)

Hello?

HORTON
Who's there?

JOJO
It's me, Jojo.
The Mayor's son.

HORTON
I'm Horton. The elephant

JOJO
Are you real, or are you a very
Large think?

HORTON
Oh, I'm real, all right. I would state that in ink.

JOJO
In my thinks, I imagine a lot of
Strange things
And I go to strange places, as if
I had wings!
I love a good think!

HORTON
Well, for me that goes double.

JOJO
Sometimes my thinks are what get me in trouble.

HORTON
When you think, do you dream?

JOJO
In bright colors!

HORTON
Me too. And I go to strange places
Like Solla Sollew!

JOJO
When you think, do you think
You could fly to the stars?

HORTON
Little friend, no one else

Could have thinks such as ours!

(Horton and Jojo magically begin to fly through the starry universe.)

HORTON JOJO

Yes, I have wings.

I have wings

And I can fly

I can fly ...

Around the moon

And far beyond the sky Beyond the sky ...

You called my name

And you set me free-

One small voice in the universe

JOJO

One true friend in the universe

BOTH

Who believes in me.

HORTON

Goodnight Jojo.

JOJO

Goodnight Horton. See you in Solla Sollew!

(Gertrude McFuzz enters. The conductor presents her with a guitar. She begins to strum,)

THE ONE FEATHER TAIL OF MISS GERTRUDE McFUZZ

GERTRUDE

There once was a girl bird named Gertrude McFuzz

And she had the smallest plain tail ever was.

One droopy-droop feather, that's all that she had

And oh! That one feather made Gertrude so sad

She curled it. She dyed it she gave it a puff

She decked it with flowers

But it wasn't enough.

For no matter what,

It just was what it was-

A tail that simply wasn't meant

To catch the eye of an elephant...

The one feather tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz.

(Now the extraordinary Mayzie La Bird and her bird girls appear. They dance around Gertrude, sizing her up with scorn and pity)

AMAYZING MAYZIE

MAYZIE

I was once a plain little bird like you, kid.
One pathetic feather was all I grew.
I had nothing showoff-ish.
What's a plain bird to do?
And there's certainly nothing showoff-ish on you!

GERTRUDE

Thank you, Mayzie

MAYZIE

Then I made a plan for my self-improvement
No more crumbs. I vowed I would have the cake!
Yes, I went to the doctor-

BIRD GIRLS

Doctor Dake by the lake!

MAYZIE

And he told me
What sort of a pill I should take...
Now I'm
Amazing Mayzie!
As feathered as feathered can be now!
Amazing Mayzie!
It was all for sale!

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Mayzie!

MAYZIE

The birds are all whistling at me now.

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Mayzie!

MAYZIE

Baby, that's my tail!

BIRD GIRLS

High or low

GERTRUDE
Gee, it's fabulous!

BIRD GIRLS
Watch her go

GERTRUDE
Gee, I'm envious!

BIRD GIRLS
To and fro,-
Mayzie's fabulous tail!

GERTRUDE
I wish I had one like it.

BIRD GIRLS
Left and right

GERTRUDE
Best I've ever seen.

BIRD GIRLS
Day or night

MAYZIE
Kid, you're turning green!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
What a sight-
Mayzie's fabulous tail!

MAYZIE BIRD GIRLS
Get those pills
Get the pills
And you can have frills
Frills!

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS
For all the world to see.
And you can be amazing-

MAYZIE
Almost...

As amazing...
As me!!!

AMAYZING GERTRUDE

GERTRUDE

So she flew to the doctor,
The doctor named Dake
Whose office was high in a tree by the lake.
And she cried, -Mr. Doctor! - oh, please, do you know
Of some kind of pill that will make my tail grow?

(The cat appears wearing a stethoscope.)

CAT (as Doctor Dake-in German)

"Tut tut!", sagt der docktor,
Diese gespra che ist zu veruckti
Ihr kleiner feder swanze ist senau richtig fur ihr vogel art!

GERTRUDE

Huh??

CAT (as Doctor Dake)

In other words, your little tail is just right for your kind of bird!

GERTRUDE

Then Gertrude had tantrums. She raised such a din
That finally the doctor just had to give in.

CAT (as Doctor Dake)

(Reacts to her tantrum)

Alrightalready!

Sitte shben herr mit der pill- berry bush! Meine gute!

(The bird girls bring on a pillberry bush. Gertrude takes some of the pills)

GERTRUDE

Gulp! Gulp! Gulp! Gulp gulp gulp! What was that?

Something's itching me!

What was that?

Something's twitching me!

What was that?

Are those feathers I see?

I think my tail's beginning!

Oh my word!

This is wonderful!

Second, third,
Wow, I'm colorful!
What a bird
I'm beginning to be...
Amazing Gertrude

BIRD GIRLS
Just look at the tail she is sportin,

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
Amazing Gertrude

GERTRUDE
Thank you, Doctor Dake!

BIRD GIRLS
Thanks, doc!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
Amazing Gertrude!

GERTRUDE
And hopefully I'll impress Horton!

BIRD GIRLS
Amazing Gertrude...

(She starts taking more pills)

GERTRUDE
One more pill will do me good
Yes, it will!
One more, one more, one more pill

BIRD GIRLS
Soon, she'll have the biggest tail...
She'll have the biggest tail!

GERTRUDE
I'll have the biggest tail!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
The biggest tail of...

GERTRUDE
All!

BIRD GIRLS

All!

(Gertrude and the bird girls exit, as lights come up on another part of the jungle. It's dark and menacing. The Wickersham brothers enter)

MONKEY AROUND

WICKERSHAMS

Yeah!

WICKERSHAM #1

There's a rustle in the bushes.

There's a tremble in the trees.

Hear it like a whisper

Smell it on the summer breeze.

WICKERSHAMS

Mm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM #1 WICKERSHAMS #2, 3

Somethin' big is getting nearer Ooh ...mm-hmm!

Somethin' big is comin' through Ooh ...mm-hmm

Got some monkey business Ah ...

WICKERSHAMS

That's what we intend to do...

Come on!

I wanna monkey,

Monkey around

Come on!

I gotta monkey

Monkey around

Come on!

We're gonna monkey

Ooh, we're gonna monkey around! Ooh!

(Horton enters, clutching his clover)

HORTON

The Wickershams. Uh, hello.

(The Wickersham brothers circle Horton)

WICKERSHAM #2

Well, it's bigger than a breadbox WICKERSHAM # 1,3
Mm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM #3 Hey, it's wider than a whale!
WICKERSHAMS #1,2
Mm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM #1
Peanut butter breath

WICKERSHAMS
And scared to death from head to tail!

WICKERSHAM #1
So you're still talking to dust oh,
What rot!

WICKERSHAM #2
A dust speck that's all full of Whos
Who are not!

WICKERSHAM #3
There aren't any Whos. Why I don't hear a sound!

WICKERSHAMS
Come on! We've gotta monkey...
Monkey around!

(The Wickersham brothers grab the dust speck and run. Horton follows them. The chase is on!)

HORTON
No! Stop! Please wait!

(Jungle citizens enter to watch and comment on the following)

CHASING THE WHOS

SOUR KANGAROO
Up out of the jungle
Up into the sky.
Up over the mountains

SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS
Ten thousand feet high.

SOUR KANGAROO

Then down from the mountains

SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS

And into the news-

ALL

Went Horton the elephant

Chasing the Whos!

WOMEN

Chasing the Whos!

MEN

Chasing the Whos!

(The cat appears in a "helicopter" which he mimes with his umbrella.)

CAT

This is the cat in the hat live from Sky cam five.

Folks, the Jungle of Nool is one heck of a drive.

We've got monkeys backed up to the three-oh-two

I'd find alternate routes if I were you!

(The cat exits)

WICKERSHAMS, SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS

Then over the desert,

The desert of Dreze!

And into the forest with thousands of trees

Past Sneetches on beaches

SOUR KANGAROO

And sour kangaroos!

ALL (except Horton & "vocally low" men

"vocally low" men)

Went Horton the elephant

Chasing the Whos Chasing the Whos!

Chasing the Whos! Chasing the...

Chasing the Whos!

(The Wickersham Brothers stop running and face the out-of- breath Horton)

WICKERSHAM #1

Still chasing your dust? Why it's safe as can be.

WICKERSHAM #2
We're monkeys to trust
Or don't you agree?

WICKERSHAM #3
Well, just to be sure
We are handing it off

WICKERSHAMS
To a black-bottomed eagle named--

VLAD VLADIKOFF
Vlad Vladikoff!!

(The eagle swoops in and grabs the clover. And the chase continues-Horton runs below,
and the eagle flies above)

HORTON
No! Please! Wait!!

BIRD GIRLS
All that late afternoon and far into the night
That black-bottomed bird
Flapped his wings in fast flight, and he paid no attention to Horton's loud call:

HORTON
A person's a person
No matter how small!

(We now see the Whos being swept from side to side as the eagle swoops, dives and
somersaults. The Whos cling to one another in terror)

WHOS (SCREAMING)
OOOH ... AAAHHH!!!

We're Whos here! We're all Whos here!
Please don't let us fall!
Aaah!
We're Whos here. We could bruise here!
Helpless, weak and small.

ALL (INCLUDING WHOS)
On Horton traveled
And on that bird flew.
And, oh, there was trouble,

WHOS
Trouble on Who!

ALL (INCLUDING WHOS)
That black-bottomed eagle was cruel as could be...

HORTON
'Cause at six fifty-six, Vlad Vladikoff dropped it
The clover went tumbling and nobody stopped it!
Head over heels, one hundred miles down, fell
The poor little Whos and their whole tiny town

(The clover drops, and the Whos scream.)

WHOS
Aaah!

(The cat is revealed-he freezes the Whos in mid-fall)

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE

CAT
When the news is all bad,
When you're sour and blue,
When you start to get mad
You should do what I do-

(The Whos fall a few more feet)

WHOS
Aaah!

CAT IN THE HAT
Tell yourself
How lucky you are...

When your life's going wrong
When the fates are unkind
When you're limping along
And get kicked from behind
Tell yourself how lucky you are...

(The Whos fall again.)

WHOS

Aaah!

CAT

Why decry a cloudy sky
An empty purse
A crazy universe?
My philosophy is simply
Things could be worse!
AH ... AH.. AH-CHOO!

(The cat sneezes all over the clover and the Whos react in disgust)

WHOS

EWWW!

CAT

So be happy you're here.
Think of life as a thrill
And if worse comes to worse
As we all know it will
Thank your lucky star
You've gotten this far...
And tell yourself
How lucky you are!
How lucky, how lucky, how lucky,
How lucky, how lucky you are!

(The cat is gone, and Horton is alone)

HORTON

That bird let that clover drop somewhere inside
Of a great patch of clovers, one hundred miles wide!
I'll find it, I'll find it!
I'll find it or bust!
I'll find my friends on their small speck of dust.

Yes, clover by clover by clover with care
I'll listen and I'll call, are you there?
Are you there? Are you there? Are you there?

(Horton begins his search for the Whos clover by clover . Gertrude McFuzz enters. She now possesses a long, magnificent tail! As she sings to Horton, he takes no notice whatsoever, and continues his search for his speck of dust)

NOTICE ME, HORTON

GERTRUDE

It's taken all my courage to approach you
Not to mention all my stamina to follow you
Across the hills and deserts.
But I feel as if I'm ready
To confess to you the feelings
That I've hidden with great diligence and labor...
Behind the facade
Of your odd little next-door neighbor.
My eyes are too small.
I have very large feet.
And I'm not very proud of my pitiful tweet
But I've now got a tail
That is something to see.

HORTON

One hundred and two. One hundred and three.

GERTRUDE

Oh, notice me, Horton, feather by feather.
This is your next-door neighbor calling!
Notice me, Horton.
Horton, together
We could be great
Oh, notice me, Horton
Put down the clover!
This is your next door neighbor calling.
There's a new leaf
Your neighbor's turned over-

HORTON

Over and over,
Clover by clover...

(Horton sings to a clover, not noticing that Gertrude is singing to him)

GERTRUDE, HORTON

I was just a no one only yesterday.
You showed up and showed me something more.
Now I've become a someone
Who has someone to believe in
And to be there for...

GERTRUDE

I will not give up hope.
I was hooked from the start

When I noticed your kind
And your powerful heart.
So notice me, Horton...

HORTON
Oh, the world would be something new

GERTRUDE
Notice me, Horton

HORTON
If they noticed a thing or two...

GERTRUDE
Notice me, Horton

GERTRUDE, HORTON
The way I notice you.

(The number ends with Horton staring longingly at a clover and Gertrude staring longingly at him. She exits. A ticking clock creates a time jump.)

HORTON
Two million, nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine. It's hopeless.

(A voice is heard over Horton's head)

MAYZIE
You said it kid.

HORTON
Who's there?

MAYZIE
It's me. Mayzie. Up here.

HORTON
Mayzie .. Are you on a nest?

MAYZIE
Yeah. You wanna make something of it?

HORTON
No, I just never thought I'd see you on a nest

MAYZIE

Neither did I, Hort...neither did I.

(The cat rides out on a small, Seussian piano. He plays a jazz intro for Mayzie,)

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE (MAYZIE'S REPRISE)

MAYZIE

I was down in Fort Worth,
Just a girl on the wing,
When I met Tweet McFirth.
Oh, could that fellow sing!
Tell yourself
How lucky you are!

CAT

How lucky, how lucky you are-

MAYZIE

It was three weeks of bliss.
Then the usual segue:
He flew off to San Juan
Leaving me with this egg!
Tell yourself
How lucky you are!

CAT

How lucky you are!

MAYZIE

Now I'm bored and
I'm cranky and tired
Sitting day after day.
Who knew so much work was required?!
I'd much rather play!
I need a vacation!
I'm due for some rest-
Hey, Horton, would you maybe like to sit on my nest-?

(A beat, as Horton considers this)

HORTON (relenting)

Well, we all need vacations.
All right go on, take it
I'll sit on your egg
And I'll try not to break it

But please come back quickly- one hour, maybe two.
I need to find Jojo.
I've got to save Who!

MAYZIE
Hit it cat! Toodle-oooo!

(Mayzie flies off, thrilled with her newfound freedom. The bird girls enter, as Horton climbs the tree and gingerly sits on the nest)

HORTON SITS ON THE EGG

BIRD GIRLS
Then carefully, tenderly,
Gently he crept
Up the trunk to the nest
Where the little egg slept.
Then Horton the elephant smiled:

HORTON
Now that's that.

BIRD GIRLS
And he sat and he sat
And he sat and he sat.
He sat all that day
And he kept the egg warm...
And he sat all that night
Through a terrible storm...

(The seasons change as Horton sits on the egg. Gertrude McFuzz enters, bringing Horton a scare. She tells him that she's gotten a postcard from Mayzie who's in Palm Beach. Horton is horrified-what if Mayzie never comes back to reclaim her egg? Gertrude tries to get Horton to notice her new tail, which is now extremely long, but he is preoccupied with his own troubles, Gertrude sighs and exits)

HORTON
I can't leave this nest.
No, I meant what I said.
This egg might get frozen
But the Whos might be dead!
I couldn't say no
When I heard Mayzie beg
Now I'm caught between a dust spec and an incubating egg!

(Suddenly hunters surround Horton, aiming guns at his heart. Horton trumpets in terror)

Help!
Someone help!
Hunters!
Help!

(There is chaos. Gertrude tries to fly to Horton's aid, but can't because of her heavy tail. She wrestles with it)

GERTRUDE
Horton! ... Horton!

(The cat enters and once again freezes the tableau the hunters, a trapped and struggling Horton, the horrified Gertrude. The cat tips the song to Horton and Gertrude, who both unfreeze)

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE / ACT I FINALE

HORTON
When your life's going wrong
And you're wondering why

GERTRUDE
When your tail is so long
You're unable to fly!

CAT & HORTON & GERTRUDE
Tell yourself
How lucky you are.

ALL (EXCEPT WHOS)
Why decry
A cloudy sky,
An empty purse,
A crazy universe.
My philosophy is simply:

WHOS
Things could be worse!

(Lights come up on the mayor, Mrs. Mayor, citizens of Who and General Genghis Khan Schmitz with Jojo. All are bandaged, battered and on crutches)

ALL
So be happy you're here.
Think of life as a thrill!

And if worse comes to worse,
As we all know it will,
Thank your lucky star
You've gotten this far...

CAT
And tell yourself...

(The curtain begins to fall, and continues falling-and as it does, the cat gets caught in a rope-he is pulled up into the air. Chaos ensues as people try to rescue the cat)

ALL (EXCEPT WHOS) WHOS
How lucky you are... How lucky! How lucky!
how lucky you...
How lucky you are... How lucky! How lucky!
how lucky you...
How lucky you are... How lucky! How lucky!
how lucky! How lucky!
how lucky!
How lucky you are! How lucky you are!

(The curtain finally covers the actors, including the dangling cat.)

END of ACT 1

ACT II

(After an Entr'acte, the cat appears, still dangling high in the air. He crashes to the stage and crawls out from under the curtain ("How Lucky You Are - Reprise") to begin Act II. He reminds us of the events that ended Act I - -Horton trapped by hunters, Jojo at military school, the Whos trying to repair their damaged town, and Gertrude, unable to fly because of the length of her tail, now so long it needs to be supported by the bird girls. The story resumes as Horton gets carried away by the hunters.)

EGG, NEST AND TREE

SOUR KANGAROO
Up out of the jungle
Up into the sky.
Up over the mountains

BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMS & SOUR KANGAROO
Ten thousand feet high.

SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS

Then down from the mountains

BIRD GIRLS & WICKERSHAMS & SOUR KANGAROO

And down to the sea

ALL

Went Horton the elephant

Egg, nest and tree.

WOMEN

Egg, nest and tree!,

MEN

Egg, nest and tree!

ALL

They loaded the wagon right onto a ship.

Out over the ocean

And ooh, what a trip!

Rolling and tossing

And sick as could be!

(Horton throws up on one of the hunters)

Just a seasick elephant

Egg, nest and tree.

MEN

Nest and tree

ALL

Egg, nest and tree...

MEN

Nest and tree

BIRD GIRL #1

After bobbing around for two weeks like a cork.

ALL (EXCEPT CAT IN THE HAT & HORTON)

Egg, nest and tree!

BIRD GIRL #2

They landed at last

In the town of New York.

ALL (EXCEPT CAT IN THE HAT & HORTON)

Egg, nest and tree!

BIRD GIRL #3

He was wet he was tired.
And hungry and cold.

ALL (EXCEPT CAT & HORTON)

Egg, nest and tree!

BIRD GIRLS

Then, Horton was taken to auction...

(The cat appears as an auctioneer. After a spiel, he bangs his gavel)

CAT

And sold! To the man from the circus!

ALL (EXCEPT CAT & HORTON)

Sold ...

Sold ...

Sold ...

Egg, nest and tree.

(Jungle citizens exit mournfully, as Horton is carried off. The cat now transforms himself from auctioneer to Mr. McGurkus, who introduces "the circus McGurkus." he and his entourage of clowns, roustabouts and showgirls present the many exotic creatures of the circus. But the main attraction is Horton the elephant, sitting on his egg, nest and tree and lit up like a Christmas tree.

We see the "circus on the road." as they jounce from one town to the next, Horton sings "How Lucky You Are - Reprise" and worries about Jojo and the missing Whos. He hopes that Mayzie will find him soon and free him from sitting on the egg so that he can find them.

At last the circus arrives in palm beach, and as they exit, Mayzie appears, on a chaise, lazing in the sun. Accompanied by a suave pool boy (played by the cat) Mayzie complains that vacation is boring, and she craves something new to do. The pool boy hands her a flier for the circus, and she decides to go.)

MAYZIE IN PALM BEACH

MAYZIE

A circus! I love a show! I think I'll go!

(Mayzie arrives at the circus, and suddenly finds herself face-to-face with Horton.)

MAYZIE

Good gracious! I've seen you before- now, let's see. - -

HORTON

Why Mayzie, it's Horton! Remember? Its me!
I've sat on your egg now for fifty-one weeks!
I've sat here while people have paid to take peeks!
I've sat here through lightning and hail storms and snow!
Won't you take back your egg?

MAYZIE

Gee. I really don't know..
Oh, wow, it's really late!
And gee, I've got a date!
And lots of places to be.
But it's so great to see you!

Look at you!
Who would ever guess?
Look at you!
Such a big success...
And it's all thanks to me!
Amazing Horton!
That egg-sitting circus sensation!
Amazing Horton!
Even I'm impressed!
Amazing Horton!
While I was off taking vacation
You made your fortune
Up on Mayzie's nest...
I may be
Unreliable.
Fancy free.
Irresponsible.

Crazy me,
Always eager to fly.
But seeing you
Gives me true delight
Just this once
I've done something right.

The egg is all yours!
No, don't thank me,
I'll cry!

Good luck when it hatches.
Good luck...
And goodbye.

(Mayzie kisses the egg regretfully, and exits hastily. The other animals look at Horton with sympathy)

ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE (REPRISE)

HORTON

I meant what I said,
And I said what I meant
An elephants faithful, one hundred percent
But I lost my poor Whos
And their whole tiny town.
I couldn't protect them.
And I let Jojo down.
And now, little egg,
You're alone in the universe too.
Who would have thought
You'd be left up to me,
A fool of an elephant
Up in a tree,
Well, this time, I swear
I'll do better than try
I'll protect you from harm.
Yes, I'll do it or die!
So rest now, young egg,
And I'll sing you a lullaby...

SOLLA SOLLEW

HORTON

There's a faraway land
So the stories all tell
Somewhere beyond the horizon.
If we can find it
Then all will be well,
Troubles there are few,
Someday, we'll go to...
Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew

HORTON & CIRCUS ANIMALS

Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew

(Jojo enters. He is at school, writing a letter home. Simultaneously, Mr. and Mrs. Mayor enter, reading the letter.)

JOJO

Dear Mom and Dad,
I'm thinking of you.
And wishing we all were in Solla Sollew

MAYOR

They say breezes are warm there

MRS. MAYOR

And people are kind.

JOJO

Maybe it's something like heaven.

JOJO, MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR

I close my eyes
And I see in my mind
Skies of bluest blue

CIRCUS ANIMALS, ALL

Solla Sollew

HORTON

I've had so much trouble JOJO, MAYOR,
Finding my way there. MRS. MAYOR &
When I get close, CIRCUS ANIMALS
It disappears. Solla Sollew
If we can get there,
We're gonna stay there
If it takes us miles,
If it takes us miles
If it takes us years.

High on a mountain
Or lost on the sea,

HORTON & JOJO

Sooner or later, I'll find it

MAYOR

I have a picture
Of how it will be

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR

On the day I do

HORTON & MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR & JOJO

Troubles will be through
And I'll be home with you.

ALL

Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew
Solla Sollew

HORTON

I'll be home. With you

ALL (BUT HORTON)

Solla Sollew.

(Meanwhile, although still lost in the clover, life continues on the planet of who. General Schmitz brings his young cadets to the butter battle and expects them to fight for the "butter side uppers".- Jojo tells Schmitz he doesn't think it's right teaching children to fight, and he runs away, heading home, but vanishes in a huge explosion.

We now hear a Christmas theme and we see the Grinch on a small, rickety stage, surrounded by young Whos in homemade angel wings. It is the annual "who Christmas pageant" performed every year. As they finish their performance and the mayor and Mrs. Mayor make a speech, general Schmitz and his cadets bring "a message from the front" -- Jojo has been lost in the battle. The parents are given a medal, and left to grieve. ("Solla Sollew reprise-)

As the parents exit, the cat appears sobbing uncontrollably, too. But then he suggests that Jojo may still be alive. He 'rewinds' the action to the moment of the explosion, and we see what really happened:

Jojo is dazed and frightened but alive. He thinks of Horton, ("alone in the universe reprise") and Horton magically appears to remind Jojo that he's a thinker, and he can get home if he follows his hunches.)

HAVIN' A HUNCH

SCARY VOICES

Ooh! Wah-oo-h-wah!
Ooh! Wah-oo-h-wah!

(Now the cat takes Jojo on a scary journey home.)

CAT

Have you ever had a hunch
You should follow your nose?
Then you have a sudden hunch
You should follow your toes?
Soon a sneaky hunch is whispering
Better go straight!
And before you know it
Oh, it's so late late late late!

HUNCHES

Late late late late!

CAT

Now a nervous hunch is telling you
You could be lost!

HUNCHES

Lost lost lost lost...

CAT

As it leads you down a path you have already crossed.

HUNCHES

Crossed, crossed, crossed, crossed!

CAT

And you have a nasty feeling
That you should've had your lunch!
And you know you're havin' a hunch!

HUNCHES (ENTERING)

You're havin', you're havin' a hunch!
You're havin' a hunch!

CAT

A hunch!

HUNCHES

You're havin', you're havin' a hunch!
You're havin' a hunch!

CAT

You're uncertain and confused
And you're scared, oh yes!

And you wonder how your thinks
Got you in this mess!
And there's no one to blame but you.
Oh, the whole thing stinks!

CAT & HUNCHES
Then you think:

JOJO
I'm a thinker. And I think thinks!

CAT
Only you can find the way
Oh, you just can't stop!

JOJO
I will think and think until I drop!

CAT & HUNCHES
But your journey's just begun
And so on you go-
To the left? To the right?

HUNCHES CAT
Oh, you just don't know... Oh, you just don't know....

CAT & HUNCHES
Now you have a sudden hunch
You're alone in the world!
You're alone with thinks and hunches
All colored and curled!

CAT HUNCHES
Soon you're overwhelmed by hunches Ooh...
That pester and pinch and punch ah!

CAT & HUNCHES
And you know you're havin' a hunch

HUNCHES
You're havin' you're havin' a hunch
You're havin' a hunch...

And oh!
The places you'll go!

JOJO

I've got brains in my head
And feet in my shoes

HUNCHES

So steer yourself any direction you choose!

And oh, the places you'll go!

You're on your own
You know what you know.

Don't worry about
How fast or how slow.

Be certain you step
With caution and tact
Cause life is a great big
Balancing act!

And will you succeed?
You will, yes, indeed!

JOJO

98 and three quarters percent guaranteed!

HUNCHES

Set your hunches free to wander
And follow them where they roam

And follow your hunch
Follow your hunch
Follow it...

Follow your hunch
Follow your hunch
Follow it . . .
Follow your hunch
Follow your hunch
Follow it

(The cat wheels in on a delivery bicycle and Jojo gets on)

HUNCHES, OFFSTAGE VOICES

Follow it home ...

(Jojo's parents and Jojo are reunited. As they embrace...)

ALL

Anything's possible!

(We now leave the planet of Who. And return to world. In the darkness, we see Gertrude McFuzz. She carries a flashlight)

(The flashlight picks out the poster for the Circus McGurkus.)

GERTRUDE

Psst! Horton! Horton!

HORTON

What is it? Who's there?

GERTRUDE

It's me, Gertrude!

HORTON

Gertrude! How did you find us?

GERTRUDE

Well, it's a long story

ALL FOR YOU

GERTRUDE

I had a little trouble
'Cause I grew a little tail.
Well, it wasn't really little.
It was absolutely giant!
And it really was attractive
But you never even noticed,
So I felt a little silly even trying
Besides which the tail was too heavy
For normal flying.

HORTON

Go on.

GERTRUDE

Well, when the hunters caught you
I could see that I'd been foolish
'Cause I couldn't even help you
No, I couldn't even fly.
And I got so very frightened
'Cause I knew I had to save you.
No one else was gonna go to all the labor.
It was all up to me,

All you had was your next door neighbor.

(The bird girls enter.)

BIRD GIRLS

So she ran to the doctor.

GERTRUDE

The doctor named Dake.

BIRD GIRLS

And she said.-

GERTRUDE

My tail has been a mistake!

BIRD GIRLS

And she said:

GERTRUDE

Dr. Dake, I've been foolish and vain.

Pluck it out! Get it off!

I won't do it again!

BIRD GIRLS

Pluck! Pluck! Pluck!

GERTRUDE

Ouch, it hurt a lot!

BIRD GIRLS

Pluck! Pluck! Pluck!

GERTRUDE

Ooh, a tender spot

BIRD GIRLS

Pluck! Pluck! Pluck!

GERTRUDE

Just a one feather tail...

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS

But suddenly,

Gertrude could sail!

GERTRUDE

I sailed on a junk
And was practically sunk
For you.
I trampled thorough the trees
Full of furious bees
For you.
I slogged through a fog
And a choking smog
Down a soggy slope
Through a stinking bog
While my slip was gripped
By a vicious dog
For you.

GERTRUDE BIRD GIRLS

I galloped through the snow ooh...
In eleven below
For you.
ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Yes, even though I knew ooh...
I was catching the flu
For you
(achoo!) (achoo!)
And then came the hole ooh
Where I caught my sole ooh
And I rolled downhill ooh
Out of all control ooh
'Till I broke my fall
On a jagged shoal
For you!
ooh, ooh, ooh, ahh!
All for you
All for you
All for you
All for you
There's nothing that I
Wouldn't
And I couldn't
And I haven't gone through...
ahh, aah, aah, aah!
I sprained my little toe, but la-la-la-la-la!
I hobbled like so la-la-la-la!
For you. La-la-la-la-la-la-la!
ooh ... Ooh ... Ooh

Then came the hit and run la-la-la-la-la!

But I staggered on one la-la-la-la!
For you. La-la-la-la-la-la-la!
Now, here I am, ahh-ah!
The worse for wear
And here you are ahh-ah!
I'm here!
You're there!
And maybe now ah!
You'll know I care ahh-ah!
For you! Ooh!
ooh ...

GERTRUDE

Oh, yes. And Horton, one more thing...

It took me seven weeks...
But I found your clover,
Too!

(Horton is reunited with his precious clover once more.)

HORTON & BIRD GIRLS

WHO!

(Just as Horton ascertains that the Whos are safe, the Wickersham brothers and the sour kangaroo arrive to make a citizen's arrest, and they take Horton home to stand trial.)

THE PEOPLE VERSUS HORTON THE ELEPHANT

MARSHAL

This is the case of the people versus
Horton the elephant

PEOPLE

Horton the elephant!

MARSHAL

Judge Yertle the turtle presiding.
Everyone rise!

JUDGE YERTLE

Order! Order! Order in the court!

JUDGE YERTLE & ALL

Order, order, order, order
In the court!

MARSHAL

The defendant is charged with talking to a speck, disturbing the peace, and loitering ... On an egg.

HORTON

Your honor, this clover is exhibit a.

HORTON SOUR KANGAROO,

They're Whos here. WICKERSHAMS, BIRD GIRLS

There are Whos here.

Smaller than the eye can

See! Biggest blame fool

in the Jungle of Nool

It's true, sir!

Here's who's who, sir!

He's a who, and so is she Biggest blame fool

in the Jungle of Nool

(Judge Yertle bangs the gavel)

JUDGE YERTLE

Order! Order! Order in the court!

MARSHAL

Call to the stand the star witness versus

Horton the elephant.

Raise your right hand and swear!

SOUR KANGAROO

I swear...

That he's the biggest blame fool

In the Jungle of Nool

As I testified long ago.

Biggest blame fool

YOUNG KANGAROO

Just a fool, fool, fool!

SOUR KANGAROO

And a mother like me should know.

Judgin' him trunk to toe...

You better think!

BIRD GIRLS

Think!

SOUR KANGAROO

Think!

BIRD GIRLS

Think!

SOUR KANGAROO

Oh please, throw him in the clink!

BIRD GIRLS

(testifying)

Talkin' to a speck

Talkin' to a speck

To a speck of dust!

GERTRUDE

Objection!

ALL

Overruled!

WICKERSHAMS, KANGAROO

(testifying)

Sittin' on an egg

Sittin' on an egg

Sittin' on an egg!

GERTRUDE

Objection!

ALL

Overruled!

(Group by group, the animals sweep forward to testify, their voices building to cacophony. Horton emits a tremendous angry trumpet. The courtroom falls silent)

HORTON

I meant what I said

And I said what I meant:

An elephant's faithful

One hundred percent!

You can throw me in jail,

Lock me up in a zoo...
But I won't desert my egg
And I will not abandon who!
These Whos, sir,
Win or lose, sir,
Whether you believe or not,
They're here.
They live in fear.
And I'm the only friend they've got

You can do what you want with me, your honor, and I won't question why but..
Please save Who,
The ti-niest planet in the sky.

JUDGE YERTLE

Based on the evidence, I have no choice
But to order the defendant, Horton the elephant,
Remanded to the Nool asylum for the criminally
Insane.
And as for the dust speck...

BIRD GIRLS

Ooh! That dust speck!

MARSHAL

And as for the dust speck

BIRD GIRLS

Ooh! That speck!

MARSHAL, SOUR KANGAROO, WICKERSHAMS, YERTLE

And as for your dust speck,

MARSHAL, SOUR KANGAROO, WICKERSHAMS, YERTLE, BIRD GIRLS

That we will

Boil boil boil boil boil...

In a hot steaming kettle of beezlenut oil!

HORTON

Boil it! Oh no!

No, that you can't do!

It's all full of persons!

They'll prove it to you!

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor!

Oh, please, Mr. Mayor!

You've got to prove now

That you really are there!
So ring every doorbell.
And send out the word!
Make every Who holler!
Make every Who heard!

ALL
Boil, boil, boil, boil, boil!

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR
Attention all Whos! Attention all Whos!
We've got to be heard!
There's no time to lose!

MRS. MAYOR
So send up a shout

MAYOR
Make it loud! Make it clear!

JOJO, WHOS
We are here! We are here!
We are here! We are here!

(A silence as all listen)

COURTROOM MEN COURTROOM WOMEN
Boil it! Boil it!
Boil it! Boil it!
Boil it! Boil it!
Boil it! Boil it!

(Horton struggles to protect the Whos from the mob)

HORTON
Don't give up! I believe in you all!
A person's a person, no matter how small!
And you very small persons will not have to die
If you make yourselves heard!
So, please!
Try!

(The Whos are revealed. They're terror stricken and do whatever they can to make noise)

ALL (IN COURTROOM) WHOS
Boil it!

Boil it!
Boil it!
Boil it!
We are here!
Boil it!
We are here!
Boil it!
We are here
Boil it!
We are here!
Boil it!
We are here!
Boil it!
We are here!
Boil it!
We are here!
Boil... We are here!

HORTON, JOJO, MR. AND MRS. MAYOR
Jojo, think of something!

(The cat appears out of a trapdoor, as the action freezes.)

CAT
Now just for a moment, young Jojo looked grim.
The fate of the Whos rested squarely on him!
But then came a think.-
A peculiar new word no one ever had heard!

ALL (IN COURTROOM) WHOS
Boil it! We are here!
Boil it! We are here!
Boil it! We are here!
Boil!... We are here!

JOJO
YOPP!

(Jojo's voice reverberates loudly through the Universe, and the Whos are heard at last.
The citizens of the jungle react as they hear the noise.)

FINALE

HORTON
Do you hear what I hear?

Do you see what I mean?
They made themselves heard
Though they still can't be seen!

GERTRUDE
They've proved they are persons, no matter how small.

HORTON
And their whole world was saved by the small- est of all!

SOUR KANGAROO
How true! Yes, how true! Said the sour kangaroo.
And, from now on, you know what I'm planning to do?
From now on,
I'm going to protect them
With you!
And the young kangaroo in her pouch said...

SMALL KANGAROO
Me, too!

CAT
Their troubles were ended, they hailed his great..

ALL WHOS, CAT
Yopp!

CAT
And Jojo was honored as "thinker non-stop".

MR. AND MRS. MAYOR
Now all Jojo's thinks would forever be heard.

CAT
Including this think...

(We hear the sound of a giant egg cracking. Gertrude dashes over to Horton - they place the egg in a basket, and with wonder, they watch it hatch.)

JOJO, ALL
An elephant bird!

HORTON
Why he looks just like me.
Except for the wings.

(We hear a small tweet)

GERTRUDE

And except for the voice,
'Cause that's how a bird sings.

HORTON (IN A PANIC)

Gertrude, what will I do?
I'm slow and I'm fat
All I know is the earth.
He'll need much more than that!

(A beat)

GERTRUDE

I have wings.
Yes, I can fly.
You teach him earth
And I will teach him sky

HORTON

Just call my name

BOTH

And I'll see you through.

HORTON

One small voice in the universe

GERTRUDE

One true friend in the universe

BOTH -

Who believes in you.

(Gertrude and Horton kiss.)

CAT

The adventures were over.
The sky became pink.
And then, guess what happened?
Well,
What do you think?!

(The Whos and the jungle citizens are magically united by the cat)

OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK (REPRISE)

ALL

Oh, the thinks you can think
Think and wonder and dream
Far and wide as you dare...
When your thinks have run dry
In the blink of an eye
There's another world there.
If you open your mind
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose

(Horton and Jojo finally meet face to face, and embrace)

Oh, the thinks you can think

BASSES/BARITONES

Oh, the thinks you can think

ALL

Oh, the thinks you can think

TENORS

Oh, the thinks you can think

ALL

Oh the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!

GROUP 1 GROUP2 GROUP 3 GROUP 4

Seu-u-u-u-u Seu... Seu...
Seu... Seu... Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

HORTON

(indicating the baby)
Shhh!!

GROUP 1 GROUP2 GROUP 3 GROUP 4

Seu-u-u-u-u Seu... Seu... Seuss! Seuss!
Seu... Seu... Seuss! Seuss!
Seu-u-u-uss Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

Seu ...Seu ...
Seu-u-u-u-u Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seu ... Seu ... Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

ELEPHANT BIRD
Seuss!

ALL
Seuss!

END OF ACT II

GREEN EGGS AND HAM (CURTAIN CALL)

ALL
I do not like green eggs and ham
I do not like them, Sam-I-am
Do not like them here or there
I do not like them anywhere.

Not in a house, not with a mouse
Not here or there, not anywhere
I do not like green eggs and ham
I do not like them, Sam-I-am

Could you? Would you? With a goat?
Could you? Would you? On a boat?
Could you? Would you? In the rain?
Could you? Would you? On a train?

Not with a goat. Not on a boat.
Not in the rain. Not on a train.
Not in a house. Not with a mouse.
Oh, no!

Not in a box. Not with a fox.
Not in a tree. You let me be!
I do not like green eggs and ham!
I do not like them, Sam-I-am!
I do not like green eggs and ham!

