

SIDE

#1 Cat, Boy (Jojo), Mayor, Mrs Mayor

(Light comes up on the scene)

CAT

An invisible world. Amazing but true.
We'll leave Horton to listen, and we'll zoom in on Who.
But guess who enters the story now?

BOY

Who?

CAT

You!

MR. MAYOR
Meet a tiny Who family on a small rainy day.

MRS. MAYOR
Mom and Dad are just home from the Who PTA.

CAT

And here's their son Jojo!

(To THE BOY'S surprise, THE CAT pushes him into the scene, and he becomes a character in the story. From now on, we will call him JOJO. He is now with his parents, MR. MAYOR and MRS. MAYOR)

MRS. MAYOR

In trouble again!

MR. & MRS. MAYOR, CAT

'Cause his Thinks take him places where no one has been.

(JOJO's parents begin to scold him. THE CAT reacts with guilty amusement. We can see he's the one who got JOJO into trouble! JOJO can see THE CAT, but his parents can't.)

MR. MAYOR

I'm the Mayor of Who. Why, I've just been elected.
And upright behavior is thus forth expected.

MRS. MAYOR

But we've just had a talk with your teachers today
And they didn't have one single good thing to say!

MR. MAYOR

You invented new Thinks which defy all description!

MRS. MAYOR

You gave Miss O'Dooley a nervous convulsion!

MR. MAYOR

Your Thinks were so wild they disrupted your classes
And made Mrs. Mackel-Who drop her new glasses.
Which is why you're suspended! Yes, that's what they said!
Young man, what in Who has got into your head?!

JOJO

I...um...

(JOJO looks to the CAT for help, but the CAT makes it clear he's on his own)

MR. MAYOR

Now Horton has found us. We're safe on a clover.
But clearly *our* troubles are far, far from over.

MRS. MAYOR

We don't mean to scold you.
We love you, oh, yes, dear.
But couldn't you try thinking just a bit less, dear?

MR. MAYOR

Stop telling such outlandish tales.

MRS. MAYOR

Stop turning minnows into whales.

MR. MAYOR

Now take your bath and go to bed.

MRS. & MR. MAYOR

And think some Normal Thinks instead.

(PARENTS exit, leaving JOJO alone to take his bath. He turns accusingly to THE CAT)

JOJO

You got me in trouble!
Get out! Go away!

CAT

All right, I'll be going.
But first, let me say:

END

SONG: OH THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK (REPRISE)

CAT

OH THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK.

JOJO

Stop!

CAT

OH THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK

JOJO

Be quiet!

SCHMITZ

Look at these boys. Why, you'd never know that just a few short months ago this one hummed in the shower! This one couldn't color within the lines. And this one actually had an Opinion!

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 SPECK 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, CADETS

WE'LL GO TO WAR
AND RUN THEM OUT OF TOWN!

(DANCE BREAK, in which the CADETS perform military exercises. JOJO tries to imitate them with little success.)

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

THAT'S WHAT MAKES A BOY...

CADETS

THAT'S WHAT MAKES A BOY...
THAT'S WHAT MAKES A BOY...
THAT'S WHAT MAKES A BOY...
A MAN!!!

A MAN!!!

(SCHMITZ starts a "marching call" and the CADETS begin to march off in line. JOJO tries to keep up.)

Side #2
Schmitz, Cadets (3-4)
Jojo

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!
SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ...

(JOJO's PARENTS are gone as the scene transitions to JOJO's military school. HE is now alone in his bunk bed. Simultaneously we see HORTON alone, guarding his clover. Night falls.)

SONG: ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

END

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,

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.

START

HORTON
(softly, to his clover)
Hello...hello?

JOJO
(Startled)
Hello?

HORTON
(startled as well)
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 Think, 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 Think is 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 Think such as ours!

(HORTON and JOJO imagine they are flying through the starry universe.)

HORTON
YES, I HAVE WINGS.

JOJO
AND I CAN FLY

AROUND THE MOON
AND FAR
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.

END

MAYZIE

AS AMAYZING...
AS ME!!!

(Mayzie exits with flare.)

SONG: AMAYZING GERTRUDE

GERTRUDE

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

(The CAT appears as DR. DAKE, wearing a stethoscope)

CAT (AS DOCTOR DAKE)

Tut tut, said the Doctor.
Such talk! It's too absurd!
Your little tail is just right
For your kind of bird!

NOTE: The CAT may use German, pig Latin, unintelligible gibberish or
anything else that's funny in order to say the above. However, if anything but plain
English is used for the above, then please add the following lines in parenthesis to
provide a "translation":

GERTRUDE

(Baffled)

(Huh?)

CAT (AS DOCTOR DAKE)

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

GERTRUDE

(having a tantrum)

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)

All right already! Bring in the Pill-berry bush!

(DR. DAKE'S NURSE brings in the pill-berry bush. GERTRUDE plucks and
eats some of the pills)

Side #5 Wickersham 1,2,3 Horton

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.

WICKERSHAM #1,2,3
MM-HMM!

WICKERSHAM #1
SOMETHIN' BIG IS GETTING NEARER
SOMETHIN' BIG IS COMIN' THROUGH
GOT SOME MONKEY BUSINESS

WICKERSHAM #2,3
OOH...MM-HMM!
OOH...MM-HMM
AH...

WICKERSHAM #1,2,3
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!

WICKERSHAM #1,2
MM-HMM!

WICKERSHAM #1
PEANUT BUTTER BREATH

WICKERSHAM #1,2,3
AND SCARED TO DEATH
FROM HEAD TO TAIL!

WICKERSHAM #1
So you're still talking to dust. Oh, that's hot!

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!

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WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3
COME ON! WE GOTTA MONKEY...MONKEY AROUND!
(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS grab the clover and run. HORTON follows them. The chase is on!)

HORTON
Hey! Give that back! Stop!

(CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE enter to watch and comment)

SONG: CHASING THE WHOS

SOUR KANGAROO
UP OUT OF THE JUNGLE,
UP INTO THE SKY,
UP OVER THE MOUNTAINS,

SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3
TEN THOUSAND FEET HIGH,

SOUR KANGAROO
THEN DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS

SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3
AND INTO THE NEWS

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON)
WENT HORTON THE ELEPHANT
CHASING THE WHOS!

WOMEN
CHASING THE WHOS!

MEN
CHASING THE WHOS!

(THE CAT enters as a HELICOPTER NEWCASTER, wearing headphones.
SFX: Helicopter blades.)

CAT (AS NEWCASTER)

This is the Cat in the Hat
Live from SkyCam Five.
Folks, the Jungle of Nool
is one heck of a drive.
We got monkeys backed up
To the Three-Oh-Two.

END

GERTRUDE

(quietly determined)

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 clock ticks as HORTON continues his clover search. GERTRUDE finally exits in defeat. Time jumps to much later in his search.)

HORTON

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

MAYZIE

You said it, kid.

(For a second, HORTON thinks he's heard the WHOS!)

HORTON

Who's there?

MAYZIE

It's me. Mayzie. Up here.

(HORTON sees MAYZIE sitting on a huge, colorful egg, in a nest, in a tree)

HORTON

Mayzie. Are you on a nest?

MAYZIE

(defensive)

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 as PIANIST rides out on a small, Scussian piano and plays a musical intro for MAYZIE.)

Side #6

Gertrude,

Mayzie,

Horton

Side #7

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HORTON

I'M COLD AND I'M WET
AND I'M CATCHING THE FLU.
OH, MAYZIE, PLEASE HURRY!
I'VE GOT TO SAVE WHO!
OH, MAYZIE, PLEASE HURRY!
I'VE GOT TO SAVE WHO!

*(The season changes. THE CAT dumps autumn leaves on HORTON.
GERTRUDE McPUZZ enters. Her tail is now extremely long--in fact, some of it
still remains offstage)*

GERTRUDE

Horton, I brought you a scarf.

HORTON

Thank you, Gertrude. Have you heard from Mayzie?

GERTRUDE

She sent a card from Palm Beach.

HORTON

Palm Beach! Gertrude, what if she never comes back?

GERTRUDE

Don't worry, she will. Um, Horton, notice anything different?

HORTON

Yes, it's g-g-getting colder.

*(GERTRUDE sighs and exits. HORTON still doesn't notice her tail, which
crosses the stage long after she's gone)*

BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3 (& OTHER WOMEN O.S.)
OOH! OOH! OOH! OOH!... A-AAH!

BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3
AND THEN CAME THE WINTER...
THE SNOW AND THE SLEET
AND ICICLES HUNG
FROM HIS TRUNK AND HIS FEET.
OOH!...

(THE CAT hurls buckets of snow at HORTON)

Gertrude, Horton
Hunters (2-3)

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HORTON

(resolute)
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 SPECK
AND AN INCUBATING EGG!!

(Suddenly, HUNTERS surround HORTON.)

HORTON

Help! Someone help! Hunters! Help!!

*(There is chaos in the jungle. GERTRUDE tries to fly to HORTON'S aid, but
can't because of her heavy tail. She wrestles with it)*

GERTRUDE

Horton!..Horton!

SONG: HOW LUCKY YOU ARE *(Second reprise)*

END

*(Musical intro as THE CAT IN THE HAT enters and freezes the terrifying
tableau. Instead of singing, THE CAT tips the song to HORTON, who
unfreezes. His attitude changes immediately from terror-stricken to blithe.)*

HORTON
WHEN YOUR LIFE'S GOING WRONG
AND YOU'RE WONDERING WHY,

(GERTRUDE unfreezes and sings cheerfully.)

GERTRUDE
WHEN YOUR TAIL IS SO LONG
YOU'RE UNABLE TO FLY!

CAT, HORTON, GERTRUDE
TELL YOURSELF
HOW LUCKY YOU ARE.

(Lights come up on JOJO, "after the fall," a little banged up.)

Side #8

Cat, Jojo (Boy) Horton, Hunters
Schmitz (non-speaking), Gertrude
Bird Girls

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ACT II

ENTRANCE

(As the orchestra tunes up, we realize that the CONDUCTOR is actually THE CAT. The conducting becomes more wild, more out of control. Pages fly, the baton goes crazy, chaos ensues. This section uses all THE CAT'S anarchic tricks—a star turn. At last, THE CAT manages to regain control and start the Act.)

CAT

(at musical button)

Seuss!!

And now, ladies and gentlemen, the moment you've all been waiting for. Without further ado, presenting Act...

(THE BOY runs in—the same little boy he was at the beginning of the show—"outside" the story)

BOY

Wait!!
What happens to Horton?
Does Horton get free?
Does Horton find Jojo?

CAT

There's no guarantee!

BOY

Will the egg be OK?

CAT

Well, I'll give you a clue:
When Act One is done,
What happens?

BOY

Act Two!

(CAT pushes the BOY back into the story, and he becomes JOJO again)

CAT

When we last saw our hero
He was hopelessly trapped!

(We see HORTON and HUNTERS as we last saw them in Act I)

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HORTON

Shoot if you must
But I won't run away.
No matter what happens
I said I would stay.

CAT

The Whos had all crashed
And their whole town was scrapped.

(We see JOJO at military school. He is confronting SCHMITZ to little effect.)

JOJO

We're lost in the clover.
We need to be found.
Sir, why do we just keep on
Marching around?

CAT

And Gertrude was helpless. I think you know why.
Her tail was so long she could no longer fly!

(GERTRUDE appears, dragging her tail onstage with the help of the BIRD GIRLS)

GERTRUDE

Horton! Horton!

BIRD GIRLS

AHHH....
LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA

CAT

So our story resumes
On a terrible day
As Horton gets carried away!

(Drums begin as HORTON is transported away)

SONG: EGG, NEST AND TREE

SOUR KANGAROO

UP OUT OF THE JUNGLE,
UP INTO THE SKY,
UP OVER THE MOUNTAINS,

BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3 & WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3 & SOUR KANGAROO
TEN THOUSAND FEET HIGH,

Side #9 Bird girls,
Cat, Horton

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START

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON)
EGG, NEST AND TREE!

They landed at last in the town of New York.
BIRD GIRLS #2

ALL (EXCEPT CAT IN THE HAT & HORTON)
EGG, NEST AND TREE!

BIRD GIRLS #3
He was wet. He was tired.
And hungry and cold.

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON)
EGG, NEST AND TREE!

BIRD GIRLS #1,2,3
Then, Horton was taken to auction...
(The CAT appears as a very proper, elegant auctioneer)

CAT (AS AUCTIONEER)
Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Seussby's. Our first item up to bid this evening is lot 39, a pendulous pachyderm on eggs, nest and tree. The bidding will begin at ten thousand dollars. Do I hear ten, ten thousand?

(NOTE: Another "free" improvisational area for THE CAT to invite audience participation in the auction.)

CAT (AS AUCTIONEER)
Going once, going twice...

(The CAT bangs his gavel)

Sold... to the man with the sideburns and the greasy black mustache. Oh, excuse me, Madame! Sold... to the man from the circus!

ALL (EXCEPT CAT & HORTON)
SOLD...
SOLD...
SOLD...
EGG, NEST AND TREE.

(ALL exit mournfully, as HORTON is carried off. And suddenly, THE CAT is transformed into the man from the circus—MCGURKUS himself. Circus music begins)

END

Side #10

Cat (as
McGurkus

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SONG: CIRCUS MCGURKUS

CAT (AS MR. MCGURKUS)
Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, children and creatures.
The smallest of the small, and the tallest of the tall!
Come old and young! Come one and all!
It's the Circus McGurkus!
The world's greatest show
On the face of the earth or wherever you go!

The Circus McGurkus!
In town for one week
Each marvelous marvel
Is ten cents a peek!
Oh, the sights that you'll see!
Why, our big top is packed.
And there's no telling where
We may find our next act!

END
(The curtain rises to reveal a parade of strange and wonderful animals and performers.)

CIRCUS ANIMALS & CIRCUS FOLK

OH! OH!
AH! AH!

CAT (AS MR. MCGURKUS), CIRCUS ANIMALS & CIRCUS FOLK
COME SEE THE SHOW!

(The circus swirls the Seussian animals and performers present their "spectaby" act. At last, a drum roll heralds the greatest act of all)

CAT (AS MR. MCGURKUS)
And now, all you folks, for the first time on view,
From the Jungle of Nool, near the River Walloo,
A pendulous pachyderm! Look! Can it be?
Who sits on an egg...in a nest...in a tree!!

(HORTON appears, dressed for the circus, displayed on his nest. He tries to be a good sport and waves shyly for the audience.)

ALL

AH - AH

Side #11

Cadets(3-4) Schmitz, Jojo

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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 Except HORTON

SOLLA SOLLEW.

"GREEN EGGS AND HAM" (TRANSITION TO BETTER BATTLE)

(We hear the sounds of war as SCHMITZ, CADETS and JOJO appear)

CADETS

SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ
SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ

SCHMITZ

SOUND OFF!

JOJO & CADETS

EGGS AND HAM!

SCHMITZ

SOUND OFF!

JOJO & CADETS

SAM I AM!

SCHMITZ, JOJO, & CADETS
I DO NOT LIKE GREEN EGGS...

And ham!

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SCHMITZ
We've arrived at the war, as I said that we would.
And war is a thing that does every boy good!
We will sleep in the trenches and go without supper
To make the world safe for each Butter Side Upper.
And we'll shoot every traitor and all out of towners
Who side with those bibulous Butter Side Downers!
Any questions?!

JOJO

Sir,
This war makes no sense.
Just one Think and you'd quit.
Spreading bread up or down
Doesn't matter a bit!
We've crashed in the clover!
There's no help in sight.
So why are you here
Teaching children to fight?

(SCHMITZ reacts as JOJO continues)

And not only that, sir,
It's Christmas on Who!
I'd rather have Christmas than war, wouldn't you?

So here is my sword
And here is my hat.
I'm going home!
And that, sir, is that!

SCHMITZ

It's a minefield out there!
This is no time for play!

JOJO

Sir, I think what I think.
Now get out of my way!

(JOJO heads out, attempting to hop across a minefield)

SCHMITZ

Soldier, you will obey!
You will halt!
Jojo, come back!
Son, wait!

END

Side #12

Whos (3-6) Grinch,
Cindy Lou, Whos Child 1, 2, 3, 4
Max, Mayor, Mrs Mayor

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(JOJO sways and begins to lose his balance. The sounds of gunfire grow louder. Suddenly, there is a loud explosion, a flash of light...and JOJO is gone)

(TRANSITION. We hear a Christmas theme and we see the GRINCH on a small, rickety stage, surrounded by young Whos in homemade angel wings. One of the young Whos plays MAX THE DOG. It's the annual Who Christmas celebration, even though there's a war on. THE GRINCH is nearing the end of his familiar recitation.)

GRINCH SCENE

WHOS

FA LA LA LA LA LA LA FA LA LA--
FA LA LA LA LA LA LA FA LA LA--
FA LA LA LA LA LA LA FA LA LA--
FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA--

GRINCH

And the Grinch, with his grinch feet ice-cold in the snow
Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"

WHO CHILD #1

"It came without ribbons!"

WHO CHILD #2

"It came without tags!"

CINDY LOU WHO

"It came without packages, boxes or bags!"

GRINCH

"Maybe Christmas", he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more."
And what happened then?

WHO CHILDREN #1, 2, 3, 4

Well, in Whoville, they say
That the Grinch's small heart
Grew three sizes that day!

GRINCH

And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast!

AND HE...HE HIMSELF!

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GRINCH, WHOS
HE CAH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-HARVED...
THE GRINCH CARVED
THE ROAST BEAST!

HE CARVED THE BEAST!

MAX THE DOG

Woof!

(THE WHOS applaud.)

MAYOR

Thank you, Mr. Grinch. As always, a wonderful Christmas show!
And, may I say, we're most grateful this year.
Since we've all had such trouble! Much trouble, I fear.
We crashed in the clover. Things smashed and things tore.
Our town is a mess and our planet's at war.
But it hasn't stopped Christmas from coming. It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
So let's make a toast that the war won't arrive here.
That Horton will find us. And we all stay alive, here!

MRS. MAYOR

(Possibly a bit tipsy)

And here's to our JoJo. Our sweet, precious son.
Who's still off at school and I'm sure having fun!

(The WHOS raise their glasses and toast.
Just then, SCHMITZ and CADETS enter.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT (Repeat)

CADET

A message from the front!

CADETS

SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ
SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ, SCHMITZ

SCHMITZ

In the Battle of Buxter,
Your son has been lost.

MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR

Lost?

END

Side #13

Horton, Gertrude, Cat, Mrs Mrs Mayor
Sour Kangaroo, Wickershams, Yertle

HORTON

Gertrude...I never noticed... you're...*Amazing!*

GERTRUDE

Aw, it was nothing.

HORTON

Hello, Whos, hello! Is anyone there?

(HE holds the clover to his ear and gets an answer as MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR appear)

MR. & MRS. MAYOR

Hello!!

JOJO

Oh, what a relief! Why, hello, Mr. Mayor! Is JoJo alright?

(He listens again)

JOJO

Hi, Horton!

HORTON

Oh, JoJo! Hello!

Kid, now that I've got you, I won't let you go!

I'll shelter and guard you, because after all,
A PERSON'S A PERSON
NO MATTER HOW SMALL!

MR. AND MRS. MAYOR, JOJO, HORTON, GERTRUDE
A PERSON'S A PERSON
NO MATTER HOW...

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS and the SOUR KANGAROO/ YOUNG KANGAROO appear)

WICKERSHAM #1

Ha!

WICKERSHAM #2,3

Ha!

SOUR KANGAROO

Humph!

GERTRUDE

How did you get here?!

SOUR KANGAROO

YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM A SOUR KANGAROO!
PALM BEACH TO PITTSBURGH TO KALAMAZOO
AND YOU--WITH YOUR EGG AND YOUR TREE AND YOUR
NEST!
I'M MAKING A SOUR CITIZEN'S ARREST!

HORTON

Wait! Stop! Where are you taking me?

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3

Well Horton, we're taking you back.
You're gonna be goin' in style.
For talkin' to a speck
And sittin' on an egg

WICKERSHAM #3

YOU'RE GONNA BE...

WICKERSHAM #2

GONNA BE...

WICKERSHAM #1

GONNA BE...

SOUR KANGAROO

GONNA BE...

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS #1,2,3

GONNA BE PUT...

On trial!

(Segue to a courtroom in the Jungle of Nool. The CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE will serve as the jury. THE CAT plays the court's MARSHAL.)

THE PEOPLE VERSUS HORTON THE ELEPHANT

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

THIS IS THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VERSUS
HORTON THE ELEPHANT.

OTHERS IN COURT

HORTON THE ELEPHANT!

CAT (AS 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!

CAT (AS 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.

Side #14,

whos (2:41), Horton, Jojo (Gertrude
Sour Kangaroo, Small Kangaroo, Cat

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(JOJO's voice reverberates loudly through the universe. And the WHOS are heard at last. The ANIMALS gasp in amazement. The WHOS gasp in relief)

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 Smallest of All!

(THE SOUR KANGAROO has a change of heart and is slightly embarrassed)

SOUR KANGAROO

How true! Yes, how true! Said the Sour Kangaroo.
And, from now on, you know what I'm planning to do?

(with genuine sweetness)

From now on, I'm going to protect them with you!

AND THE YOUNG KANGAROO IN HER POUCH SAID...

ME, TOO!

SMALL KANGAROO (Maybe Puppets)

CAT

Their troubles were ended. They hailed his great...

ALL

YOPPI!

CAT

And Jojo was honored as "Thinker Non-Stop!"

(The WHOS carry him on their shoulders.)

MR. & MRS. MAYOR

Now all Jojo's Thinks would forever be heard.

CAT

Including this Think ...

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(We hear the sound of a giant egg cracking. GERTRUDE dashes over to HORTON and they watch as THE EGG hatches. We can only imagine what they're seeing by the wonder and joy on their faces)

JOJO, ALL

(hushed wonder and amazement)
An Elephant Bird!

HORTON

(very moved)
Why, he looks just like me. Except for the wings.

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

HORTON

(slow mounting panic)
Gertrude, what will I do? I am slow. I am fat.
All I know is the earth. He'll need much more than that!

(A beat...)

SONG: ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE (reprise)

GERTRUDE

(very tentative, very gentle)
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.