



DOROTHY

Oh, goodness! How did you ever get like this?

TIN MAN

Well, about a year ago I was chopping that tree, minding my own business, when suddenly it started to rain and right in the middle of a chop, I rusted solid. And I've been that way ever since.

DOROTHY

Well, you're perfect now.

TIN MAN

Perfect? Bang on my chest if you think I'm perfect. Go ahead! Bang on it!

*DOROTHY bangs on his chest. The sound echoes loudly.*

SCARECROW

Beautiful! What an echo!

TIN MAN

It's empty. The tinsmith forgot to give me a heart.

DOROTHY

No heart?

TIN MAN

No heart. All hollow.

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## If I Only Had a Heart

(TIN MAN)

When a man's an empty kettle,  
He should be on his mettle,  
And yet I'm torn apart.  
Just because I'm presumin'  
That I could be kind-a human,  
If I only had a heart.  
I'd be tender, I'd be gentle, and awful sentimental  
Regarding love and art.  
I'd be friends with sparrows,  
And the boy that shoots the arrows,  
If I only had a heart.  
Picture me, a balcony,  
Above a voice sings low:

DOROTHY

"Wherefore art thou, Romeo?"

TIN MAN

I hear a beat—

