

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL JR.

SCENE 1

(A strange red-and-white-striped hat sits on a very empty stage. A BOY, who will later play JOJO, enters and notices it.)

BOY

Now that is a very unusual hat.
I wonder what's under a hat such as that.
It could be a creature they call the Ga-Zat
Who balances things on his head, 'cause it's flat. Or a stripe-loving Pipester from Upper Mount Bat. Or a sort of
a kind of a hat-wearing...

ALL

Cat!!!

OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!

CAT

I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age! Why, one Think and you dragged me
Right onto the stage!
Now, I'm here, there is no telling what may ensue With a Cat such as me, and a Thinker like you!

CAT,

Oh, the Thinks you can think
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...

ALL

Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss....

HORTON AND FISH

Think of an Elephant up in a tree

ALL WHOS

Think of a person too tiny to see

GERTRUDE & BIRDS 1 2 3

Think of a bird with a one-feather tail

ALL

Going on adventure down a dangerous trail! Aagh!

MAYZIE AND BIRD GIRLS 3 4 5

Think a bird who flies off on a spree

KANGAROOS & YERTLE

Think of a kangaroo, sour as can be

WICKERSHAMS & VLAD

Think of some tough guys with trouble in store

CAT & THING 1 and 2

Think of something horrible and hairy
Something sinister and scary

ALL

That you never dared to think of before

Think of nobody here
And the feeling of fear
And the darkness of night
(With menace) Oooh Oooh...
All alone in your room
As you're facing your doom

CAT (spoken)

Think a glimmer of light

ALL (with relief)

Aah Aah!

But I hope you're prepared to be scarer than scared
'Cause this ain't mother goose

CAT (spoken)

Danger's right on the brink

ALL

When you Think about Seuss
Seuss! 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 Thinks just like you!

ALL
Just think!
From the Planet of Who
And the smallest of small
To the jungle of Nool
And the largest of all
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... 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
Oh, the thinks you can think when you think about Seuss
When you think about seuss, seuss, seuss, seuss, seuss, seuss, seuss!

SCENE 2

CAT
Our story begins
With a very strange sound
The drums of a jungle
Beginning to pound
Now, imagine a sky

JOJO
I'll imagine bright blue

CAT
It's the Jungle of Nool!

JOJO
Near the River Walloo!

HORTON
On the fifteenth of may, in the Jungle of Nool, in the heat of the day, in the cool of the pool, I was splashing
enjoying the jungles great joys

BIRD GIRL 1
When Horton the Elephant
BIRD GIRL 2
Horton the elephant?

BIRD GIRL 3
Horton the elephant?

ALL:
Horton the Elephant!

BIRD GIRL 4 and 5
Heard a small

BIRD GIRL 6
Help!

YERTLE
Then he heard it again, just a very faint yelp

ALL FISH
As if some tiny person were calling for help

WHOS
Help! Help!

YOUNG KANGAROO
So Horton stopped splashing

HORTON
I'll help you
But who are you, and where?

SWEET KANGAROO
He looked and he looked

SPICY KANGAROO
He could see nothing there

BIRD GIRLS
But a small speck of dust blowing past--

(All follow an invisible speck of dust with their eyes, as it shoots past and stops in front of HORTON.)

BIRD GIRLS
--through the air.

HORTON
That's funny
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 tiny 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.

ONE FISH AND TWO FISH
So, gently, and using
The greatest of care

RED FISH AND BLUE FISH
The elephant stretched
His great trunk through the air

THING 1 and THING 2
And he lifted the dust speck
And carried it over and placed it down

HORTON
Safe!

BIRD GIRLS
On a very soft clover

SCENE 3

BIGGEST BLAME FOOL

SOUR KANGAROO
Humf! Humfed a voice

SWEET AND SPICY
Twas a sour kangaroo

SOUR KANGAROO
And the young kangaroo in her pouch said--

YOUNG KANGAROO

--Humph!--

SOUR KANGAROO

--Too!

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

ALL KANGAROOS

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!

WICKERSHAM 1

Ha! Laughed a voice!

WICKERSHAM 2, 3, 4

Ha! Laughed some others!

ALL WICKERSHAMS

Ha! Ha! Ha!

WICKERSHAMS & VLAD

Laughed the Wickersham brothers!

Oh he's the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool and guys like us should know!
We've been out on a limb looking down on him and his fat, hes dumb! He slow!

ALL KANGAROOS

Elephants ain't too swift as a rule
But he's the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool.

ALL

'Cause he's talkin' to a speck, talkin' to a speck,
To a speck of dust

WICKERSHAMS & VLAD
Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool!

ALL

Talkin' to a speck, talkin' to a speck, To a speck of dust!

WICKERSHAMS & VLAD
Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool!

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

ALL KANGAROOS
Oh, please! Take that speck away!

ALL

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

BIRD GIRLS 1 2 3
Through the jungle the news quickly flew!

ALL

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

BIRD GIRLS 4 5 6
He talks to a dust speck!

JOJO

It's on Channel Two!

CAT

Our topic today is "Psychic elephants who hear voices."
Whaddaya think, folks, is the elephant off his trunk? We'll be right back with "speck", "clover", "dust",
"neighbor", 'Who'....

ALL

Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool!

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

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

Talkin' to a speck, talkin' to a speck, to a speck of dust

SOUR KANGAROO

Just a fool, just a fool, just fool

WICKERSHAMS & VLAD

Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

ALL

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

SOUR KANGAROO

Fool!

WICKERSHAMS & VLAD

Blame fool in the 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

Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool
He's the worst we ever saw!
Tellin' lies, makin' jokes
It's an elephant hoax!

WICKERSHAMS, VLAD, & YERTLE

Brother, that's against the law!

ALL

Breakin' the peace, creatin' a fuss!

ALL KANGAROOS

Somebody's thinkin' different than us!

ALL

Biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of ... Nool, Nool, Nool!
In the Jungle of Nool, Nool, Nool!
In the Jungle of Nool, Nool, Nool!

SCENE 4

GERTRUDE

On the fifteenth of May, Miss Gertrude McFuzz discovered how truly unique Horton was.
But she knew to approach him would probably fail 'cause who'd notice a bird with a one feather tail?

(GERTRUDE exits dejectedly. HORTON is alone with the speck. He listens closely.)

MR. & MRS. MAYOR

Help! Help!

CAT

Then he heard it again. Calling over and over...

MOTHER, FATHER & CINDY

Help! Help!

CAT

So he tried to think who might be down on that clover.

GRANDMA & GRANDPA

Help!

THING 1

An invisible world!

THING 2
Amazing but true!

CAT
And guess who now enters the story?

JOJO
Who?

ALL
You!

HORTON
Hello? Is anyone there? Who are you?

HERE ON WHO

MR. MAYOR
Well, we're Whos 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...

MRS. MAYOR & JOJO
...and so are we.

MR. & MRS. MAYOR and JOJO
We're tiny little people blowing by in the air,
Wondering how and why
We're on Who, the tiniest planet in the sky.

(The entire WHO population is revealed. HORTON listens intently and reacts throughout the entire song as the WHOS tell him their story.)

ALL
A-la de-la de-la de-la! Who! Who!
A-la de-la de-la de-la! Who! Who!
A-la de-la de-la de-la! Who! Who!
A-la de-la de-la...

We're Whos here,
Win or lose here,
Struggling to stay alive.
Each gust propels 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 tiniest planet in the sky.

MR. MAYOR (spoken)
I'm the Mayor.

ALL (call & response)
Who! *Who!*
Who! *Who!*

MRS. MAYOR (spoken)
I'm his wife.

ALL (call & response)
Who! *Who!*
Who! *Who!*

MR. & MRS. MAYOR and JOJO (spoken)
Just imagine the Whos' unusual life!

MOTHER, FATHER & CINDY
Picture the tiniest houses and grocery stores.

ALL
Who!

GRANDMA & GRANDPA
Tiny umbrellas that drip on the tiniest floors.

ALL
Who!

GRINCH & MAX
The tiniest tunnels and tiniest streets

MOTHER, FATHER & CINDY
Miniature buses with miniature seats.

GRANDMA & GRANDPA
Miniature buildings with miniature windows and doors!

HORTON
No smaller town than yours!

MR. & MRS. MAYOR and JOJO

Imagine a place that is tidy and totally clean,

ALL
Who!

GRINCH

Where even the Grinch wouldn't dare to be totally mean!

ALL
Who!

You think that it's heaven on earth,

JOJO (spoken)
Yes you do!

ALL

But heaven on earth isn't heaven on Who!
Troubles on Who are the biggest that you've ever seen,

ALL WHOS

Yes, 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!
Save our dust, sir!
Now that we have reached your ears!
We're tiny little people aying thanks in advance
Hoping perchance, you'll try!
Here on Who, the tiniest planet in... the... sky...

HORTON (spoken)

I won't let you down.

No, I won't let you fall.

(sung) A person's a person no matter how small.
A person's a person no matter how small.

SCENE 5

(JOJO's parents begin to scold him. THE CAT reacts with guilty amusement. JOJO can see THE CAT, but his parents can't.)

MR. MAYOR

JoJo! 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!

JOJO

I...Ummm....

MRS. MAYOR

Now Horton has found us. We're safe on a clover.

MR. MAYOR

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?

MOTHER, FATHER & CINDY

Stop telling such outlandish tales.

GRANDMA & GRANDPA, GRINCH & MAX

Stop turning minnows into whales.

MR. MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR

Now take your bath and go to bed.
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

Alright. I'll be going. But first let me say:

THING 1 & THING 2

Oh, the thinks you can think!

JOJO

It's McElligot's Pool!

IT'S POSSIBLE

JOJO

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

(Spoken) Who knows!

It's possible!

Anything's possible!

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

(Spoken) Mrs. Umbroso!

Who's hanging out clothes!

It's possible!

Anything's possible.

JOJO & CAT

It's possible!

Anything's possible.

JOJO

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!

(DANCE BREAK)

ALL

It's possible! It's possible...

It's possible! It's possible...

Ah!

JOJO

Oh, the sea is so full of a number of fish.
If a fellow is patient he might get his wish!
And that's why I think that I'm not such a fool
When I sit here and fish in McElligot's Pool!

It's possible.

Anything's possible.

ALL

It's possible.

Anything's possible.

JOJO

It's possible...

Anything...

Anything...

(JOJO's PARENTS enter)

MR. MAYOR

Jojo! The tub's overflowed on the floor!
The water is running right under the door!

MRS. MAYOR

The ceiling is peeling!
You've flooded the den!

ALL

Oh, Jojo, I think you've been Thinking again!

SCENE 6

ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

HORTON (spoken)

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!

ALL

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!

HORTON

I'm alone in the universe.
So alone in the universe.
I've found magic but they won'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

I'm alone in the universe.
So alone in the universe.
My own planets and stars are glowing.

HORTON

Alone in the universe.

JOJO

No one notices anything.
Not one person is listening.
They don't have any way of knowing.

HORTON & SL

Nobody knows that I have wings

JOJO & SR

I have wings.

HORTON & SL

Yes, I can fly...

JOJO & SR

I can fly.

HORTON & SL

...Around the moon and far beyond the sky.

JOJO & SR

-- beyond the sky.

ALL

Well someday soon,
You will hear my plea.
One small voice in the universe,
One true friend in the universe.
Please believe in me...

HORTON (spoken)

Hello...hello?

JOJO

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 & SL (sung)
Yes, I have wings...

JOJO & SR
I have wings...

HORTON & SL

And I can fly...

JOJO & SR

I can fly...

HORTON & SL

Around the moon and far beyond the sky...

JOJO & SL

Beyond the sky...

HORTON & SL

You called my name and you set me free...

One small voice in the universe.

JOJO & SL

One true friend in the universe.

ALL

Who believes in me.

HORTON (spoken)

Goodnight, Jojo.

JOJO (spoken)

Goodnight, Horton. See you in Solla Sollew.

SCENE 7

(JOJO goes to sleep. Suddenly, THE CAT pops up behind JOJO's bed and shakes him awake.)

CAT

Wake up! The scene's over! There's more to be heard.

There goes our hero. Who enters?

ALL

The bird!

(GERTRUDE McFUZZ enters, carrying a small guitar.)

THE ONE FEATHER TAIL OF MISS GERTRUDE MCFUZZ / AMAYZING MAYZIE

GERTRUDE (spoken)

"Love Song for Horton" Four Hundred and Thirty- Seven.

ALL
Doo doo
Doo doo
Doo doo....

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...

ALL

The one feather tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz.

(MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS enter flamboyantly and notice Gertrude and her pathetic tail.)

MAYZIE (spoken)

Poor little Gertrude!

A sorry sight!

Well, I'm gonna take you under my wing
And baby, you'll be all right!

MAYZIE (sung)

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 (spoken)

Thank you, Mayzie...

MAYZIE (sung)

Then I made a plan for my self-improvement.

(Spoken) No more crumbs.

I vowed I would have the cake!

Yes, I went to the doctor--

ALL

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!

BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Mayzie!

MAYZIE

The birds are all whistling at me now.

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS

Amazing Mayzie!

Baby, that's my tail.

BIRD GIRLS

High or low

ALL

Gee, it's fabulous!

BIRD GIRLS

Watch her go

ALL

Gee, I'm envious!

BIRD GIRLS

To and fro

Mayzie's fabulous tail!

ALL

I wish I had one like it.

BIRD GIRLS

Left and right

ALL

Best I've ever seen.

BIRD GIRLS

Day or night

MAYZIE (spoken)

Kid, your turning green!

ALL

What a sight-- Mayzie's fabulous tail!

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS

Get those pills--

ALL

Get the pills!

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS

And you can have frills.

ALL

Frills!

ALL

Your Horton is certain to see.

And you can be amazing--

MAYZIE (spoken)

Almost...

MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS

As amazing as me!!!!!!

(MAYZIE exits with flare.)

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 as DR. DAKE, wearing a stethoscope.)

CAT

Tut tut, the Doctor said.

Such talk! It's too absurd!

Your tail is just right for your kind of bird!

BIRD GIRLS

Then Gertrude had tantrums.

(GERTRUDE stomps her feet throwing a tantrum.)

WICKERSHAM BROTHERS

She raised such a din!

KANGAROOS

Finally the doctor just had to give in.

(CAT reluctantly hands GERTRUDE a pill to make her tail grow.)

ALL

What was that?

GERTRUDE

Something's itching me!

ALL

What was that?

GERTRUDE

Something's twitching me!

ALL

What was that?

BIRD GIRLS

Are those feathers I see?

GERTRUDE

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!

(GERTRUDE freezes for a minute. THE CAT IN THE HAT and JOJO appear together, somewhere "out of the frame", observing GERTRUDE in the story.)

JOJO

So Gertrude is happy. Her tail's nice and long.

CAT

Kid, fasten your seat belt.

THING 1 & THING 2

'Cause now things go wrong!

SCENE 8

(MUSIC kicks in as GERTRUDE exits. Lights come up on the jungle at night. It's dark and menacing. The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS are hanging around, looking for trouble.)

MONKEY AROUND / CHASING THE WHOS

WICKERSHAM #1

Yeah!

WICKERSHAMS

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.

ALL

Mmm-hmmm!

WICKERSHAMS

Somethin' big is getting nearer.

ALL

Ooh! Mmm-hmm!

WICKERSHAMS

Somethin' big is comin' through.

ALL

Ooh! Mmm-hmm!

WICKERSHAMS

Got some monkey business.

ALL

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 (spoken)

The Wickershams. Uh, hello.

ALL

Ooh!

WICKERSHAM 1

Well, it's bigger than a breadbox!

ALL

Mmm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM 2

Hey, it's wider than a whale!

ALL

Mmm-hmm!

WICKERSHAM 3 & 4 (spoken)

Peanut butter breath--

ALL

--And scared to death from head to tail

WICKERSHAM 1 & 2

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

WICKERSHAM 3

A dust speck that's all full of Whos who are not.

WICKERSHAM 4

There aren't any Whos. Why, I don't hear a sound!

ALL

Come on! We gotta monkey... monkey around!

ALL KANGAROOS

Up out of the jungle, up into the sky.

Up over the mountains

KANGAROOS & BIRD GIRLS

Ten thousand feet high.

ALL KANGAROOS

Then down from the mountains--

KANGAROOS & BIRD GIRLS

and into the news--

ALL

Went Horton the elephant, chasing the Whos!

WHOS
Chasing the Whos!
Chasing the Whos!

(THE CAT enters as a NEWSCASTER)

CAT
This is the Cat in the Hat
Live from Skycam Five.
Folks, the Jungle of Nool
Is one heck of a drive.
The jungle is backed up
To the Three-Oh-Two...
I'd find alternate routes IF I were you...

ALL
Then over the desert, The Desert of Dreeze!
And into the forest with with thousands of trees
Past Sneetches on beaches...

SOUR KANGAROO
And sour kangaroos!

ALL
Went Horton the Elephant chasing the Whos

WHOS
Chasing the Whos!
Chasing the Whos!

WICKERSHAM 1
Still chasin' 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

WICKERSHAM 4
To a black-bottomed eagle named...

VLAD VLADIKOFF
Vlad Vladikoff!

(The eagle swoops in and grabs the clover.)

HORTON
No! Please! Wait!!

WHOS
Aaah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(The clover drops and the WHOS scream. HORTON tries to catch it, but it's too late. They are lost in a huge field of clover. HORTON stands alone.)

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

(HORTON searches for the WHOS, clover by clover. GERTRUDE enters. Her tail is now magnificent. She sings to HORTON, but he takes no notice, because he is searching for his speck of dust. GERTRUDE nervously prepares to talk to HORTON and show off her new tail!)

GERTRUDE
It's taken all my courage to approach you
Not to mention all my stamina to follow you
Across the hills and deserts.
And I've now got a tail
That is something to see...

(HORTON does not notice and continues counting...)

HORTON
One hundred and two. One hundred and three.

GERTRUDE
Horton, this is your next door neighbor calling!
Notice me, Horton.
Put down the clover!

HORTON
Over and over, clover by clover...
(Speaking to the clovers.)
I was just a no one only yesterday.
You showed up and showed me something more.

GERTRUDE
Now I've become a someone

Who has someone to believe in
And to be there for...

HORTON
I will not give up hope!
Oh, the world would be something new,
If they notice a thing or two...

GERTRUDE
Notice me, Horton...

GERTRUDE (to HORTON) & HORTON (to clovers)
The way I notice you.

(HORTON continues his clover search, and a defeated Gertrude exits.)

SCENE 9

(A time jump. We hear a clock.)

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.

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

HORTON
Who's there?

MAYZIE
It's me. Mayzie. Up here.

(HORTON sees MAYZIE 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.
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?

HORTON

Why, Mayzie I couldn't. Of all silly things!
I haven't got feathers. I haven't got wings.
And not only that, but I'm here on a search.
I just couldn't leave my poor Whos in the lurch!

MAYZIE

I won't be gone long, kid. I give you my word.
I'll hurry right back, 'cause I'm that sort of bird!
Oh, Horton, I promise! I'll fly back real soon.
I'd only be gone for, say, one afternoon!

(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

Gee! Thanks! Thanks a million! Toodle-oooo!!

(HORTON climbs the tree with great trepidation and gingerly gets into the nest.)

ONE FISH & TWO FISH

Then carefully, tenderly,
Gently he crept...

RED FISH & BLUE FISH

Up the trunk to the nest
Where the little egg slept...

BIRD GIRLS

Then Horton the elephant smiled.

HORTON

Now that's that.

VLAD

And he sat and he sat

JUDGE YERTLE

And he sat and he sat.

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 speck and an incubating egg!

SCENE 10

(A time jump. We hear a clock. MAYZIE enters with souvenirs from her vacation. Suddenly, SHE is face-to-face with HORTON.)

MAYZIE

Good gracious. I've seen you before. Now let's see...

HORTON

Why, Mayzie, it's Horton! Remember? It's me!

AMAYZING HORTON

HORTON

I've sat on your egg now for fifty-one weeks!

I've sat here while people have tried 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.

(Sung) 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!

(Spoken) Such a big success...
And it's all thanks to me!

ALL
Amazing Horton!
That egg-sitting wonder! Sensation!
Amazing Horton!
Even I'm impressed!
Amazing Horton!
While I was off taking vacation,
You made your fortune
Up on Mayzie's nest...

MAYZIE (spoken)
The egg is all yours!
No, don't thank me. I'll cry!
Good luck when it hatches. Good luck...
And goodbye.

(MAYZIE leaves HORTON alone with the egg...again.)

HORTON
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 lullabye....

SOLLA SOLLEW

ALL
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

Solla Sollew,
Solla Sollew.

HORTON

I've had so much trouble finding my way there.
When I get close, it disappears.

WICKERSHAMS, KANGAROOS, FISH
Solla Sollew.....

HORTON & BIRDS
If we can get there, we're gonna stay there
If it takes us miles,

WHOS
If it takes us miles....

HORTON & BIRDS
If it takes us years.

HORTON (spoken)
I've lost my poor Whos and my friend Jojo, too.
I hope they all made it to Solla Sollew.

HORTON & JOJO
High on a mountain or lost on the sea,
Sooner or later, I'll find it.

WHOS
I have a picture of how it will be.

HORTON & WHOS
On the day I do.

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

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...

SCENE 11

(In the darkness, we see a figure sneaking onto the stage. It is GERTRUDE MCFUZZ.)

GERTRUDE

I'll bet you forgot about Gertrude McFuzz.
Well, that's nothing new.
I mean, everyone does.
But Gertrude did something
That few birds could do...
So this is the tale of Miss Gertrude. Part Two.

(GERTRUDE whispers to HORTON.)

GERTRUDE

Psst!! Horton!

ALL

Psst!! HORTON!

HORTON

What? Who is it?

GERTRUDE

It's me, Gertrude! Horton! Oh, Horton! I was so worried! Are you alright?

HORTON

Gertrude! Where have you been?

GERTRUDE

Well, it's a long story... I had little trouble 'cause I grew a little tail. Well, it wasn't very little. It was absolutely giant! So I ran to the Doctor...

ALL

...The Doctor named Dake!

GERTRUDE

"Doctor Dake!" I said, "I've been foolish and vain! Pluck it out! Get it off! I won't do it again! And then...
(GERTRUDE takes a deep breath and exclaims.) It took me seven weeks...but I found your clover too!

HORTON

Gertrude! I never noticed! You're...

ALL

AMAZING!

GERTRUDE
Aw, it was nothing.

(HORTON eagerly takes the clover from GERTRUDE.)

THE WHOS RETURN / THE PEOPLE vs. HORTON THE ELEPHANT (PART 1)

HORTON (spoken)
Hello, Whos, hello! Is anyone there?

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

MRS. & MRS. MAYOR (spoken)
Hello!!

HORTON
Oh, what a relief! Why, hello, Mr. Mayor! Is JoJo all right?

(JOJO appears.)

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
(Sung) A person's a person
No matter how small!
WHOS
A person's a person
No matter how...

SCENE 12

(THE WICKERSHAM BROTHERS and the KANGAROOS appear.)

WICKERSHAM 1 & 2
Ha!

WICKERSHAM 3 & 4
Ha!

KANGAROOS
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!

ALL KANGAROOS
I'm making a Sour Citizen's arrest!

HORTON
Wait! Stop! Where are you taking me?

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

ALL (but HORTON and WHOS)
You're gonna be,
Gonna be,
Gonna be,
Gonna be...
Gonna be put...
(spoken) 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.)

CAT
This is the case of the people versus

CAT and THINGS 1 & 2
Horton the Elephant!

ALL (but HORTON and WHOS)
Horton the Elephant!

CAT
Judge Yertle the turtle presiding.

ALL
Everyone rise!

(JUDGE YERTLE bangs the gavel)

JUDGE YERTLE

Order! Order! Order in the court!

ALL

Order! Order! Order! Order in the court!

CAT (spoken)

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

HORTON (spoken)

Your honor, this clover is Exhibit A.

(Sung) They're Whos here.

There are whos here.

Smaller than the eye can see!

KANGAROOS, BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMS, FISH
Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool!

HORTON

It's true, sir!

Here's who's who, sir! He's a who, and so is she.

KANGAROOS, BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMS, FISH
Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool!

(JUDGE's gavel.)

BIRD GIRLS & KANGAROOS

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

GERTRUDE (spoken)

Objection!

JUDGE YERTLE (spoken)

Overruled!

WICKERSHAMS & FISH & THINGS

Sittin' on an egg! Sittin' on an egg! Sittin' on an egg!

GERTRUDE (spoken)

Objection!

JUDGE YERTLE (spoken)

Overruled!

(Horton emits a tremendous angry elephant trumpet. The courtroom falls silent.)

SCENE 13

THE PEOPLE vs. HORTON THE ELEPHANT (PART 2)

HORTON & WHOS

I meant what I said
And I said what I meant:
An elephant's faithful
One hundred percent!

HORTON

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!

HORTON & WHOS

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.

HORTON (spoken)

You can do what you want with me, Your Honor, and I won't question why.

HORTON (sung)

But please save Who,
The tiniest planet in the sky.

(There is tension in the courtroom as JUDGE YERTLE delivers his verdict.)

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 & KANGAROOS

Ooh, that dust speck!

CAT and THINGS 1 & 2

And as for the dust speck...

BIRD GIRLS & KANGAROOS

Ooh, that dust speck!

ALL

And as for your dust speck,
That we will
Boil, boil, boil, boil, boil
In a hot steaming kettle of Beezlenut Oil!

GERTRUDE

Boil it! Oh, no! No, that you can't do!

HORTON

It's all full of persons!
They'll prove it to you!
Mister Mayor! Mister Mayor!
Oh, please, Mister Mayor!
You've got to prove now that you really are there!
So ring every doorbell and send out the word!
Make ev'ry Who holler! Make ev'ry Who heard!

ALL

Boil! Boil! Boil! Boil! Boil!

MR & MRS MAYOR and JOJO

Attention all Whos! Attention all Whos! We've got to be heard!

MR MAYOR

There's no time to lose!

MRS MAYOR

So send up a shout!

MR MAYOR

Make it loud and clear!

ALL WHOS

We are here!

We are here!

We are here!

We are here!

SR & SL (call and response)

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, holding the clover away from them.)

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. They beat on tom toms, play musical instruments, wave their arms.)

ALL

Boil it! Boil it! Boil it! Boil it!

WHOS

We are HERE! We are HERE! We are HERE! We are HERE! We are HERE!

ALL

Boil it! Boil it! Boil it! Boil....

WHOS

We are HERE! We are HERE! We are HERE!

(ALL freeze except CAT and JOJO)

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.
The kind of a word no one ever had heard!

(The scene unfreezes)

WHOS (except JOJO)

We are HERE! We are HERE! We are HERE!

ALL

Boil it! Boil it! Boil it!

WHOS (except JOJO)

We are--

JOJO

YOPP!!!!

(JOJO's voice reverberates loudly through the universe. And the WHOS are heard at last. All the JUNGLE CREATURES gasp. The WHOS breathe a sigh of relief.)

SCENE 14

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!

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!

YOPP!

SOUR KANGAROO (sung)

And the young kangaroo in her pouch said:

YOUNG KANGAROO (with genuine enthusiasm)

Me too!

(The CAT appears out of nowhere.)

CAT (spoken)

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

ALL

YOPP!

CAT

And Jojo was honored as

THINGS 1 & 2

"Thinker Non-Stop."

WHOS (except JOJO)

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 with the egg in a basket, and they watch it hatch.)

ALL (with wonder and amazement)
An Elephant Bird!

ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE (REPRISE)

HORTON (spoken)
Why, he looks just like me. Except for the wings.

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

HORTON (in a panic)
Gertrude, what will I do?
I am slow. I am scared.
All I know is the earth.
Oh, I'm just not prepared!

GERTRUDE (singing)
I have wings. Yes, I can fly.
You teach him earth and I will teach him sky.

HORTON
Just call my name...

HORTON & GERTRUDE
And I'll see you through.

HORTON
One small voice in the universe...

GERTRUDE
One true friend in the universe...

ALL
Who believes in you.

SCENE 15

CAT
The adventures were over. The sky became...

JOJO
...pink!

CAT

And then, guess what happened?

CAT, JOJO, & THINGS (to audience)

Well, what do you think?!

OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK (FINALE)

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 Think there!

If you open your mind,
Oh, the Thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose!

ALL (call & response)

Oh, the Thinks you can think... *Oh, the Thinks you can think*
Oh, the Thinks you can think! *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!
Seuss, Seuss, Seuss, Seuss, Seuss, Seuss, Seuss!

(The characters dance off, fade away, disappear, one by one. Last to go is THE CAT IN THE HAT. Finally, THE BOY stand on an empty stage, holding his legacy, His imagination - embodied in the red-and-white striped hat.)

JOJO
Seuss!

(THE BOY pulls the CAT'S hat on, and it comes down over his eyes, causing a...Blackout!)

CURTAIN CALL