

## Why Store "What Is This Feeling"

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(Galinda, spoken) Dearest, darlingest momsie and popsicle...

(Elphaba, spoken) My dear father...

(Both) There's been some confusion over rooming here at Shiz.

(Elphaba) But of course I'll care for Nessa.

(Galinda) But of course, I'll rise above it.

(Both) For I know that's how you'd want me to respond, yes. There's been some confusion for you see my roommate is...

(Galinda) Unusually and exceedingly peculiar and altogether quite impossible to describe...

(Elphaba) Blonde.

(Galinda) What is this feeling, so sudden, and new?

(Elphaba) I felt the moment I laid eyes on you.

(Galinda) My pulse is rushing.

(Elphaba) My head is reeling

(Galinda) My face is flushing.

(Both) What is this feeling? Fervid as a flame, does it have a name? Yes.....

Loathing! Unadulterated loathing!

(Galinda) For your face,

(Elphaba) your voice,

(Galinda) your clothing!

(Both) Let's just say- I loath it all! Every little trait how ever small makes my very flesh begin to crawl with simple utter loathing! There's a strange exhilaration. In such total detestation. It's so pure, so strong! Though I do admit, it came on fast, still I do believe that it can last. And I will be loathing, loathing you my whole life long.

(Ensemble) Dear Galinda, you are just too good! How do you stand it, I don't think I could. She's a terror, she's a tartar, we don't mean to show a bias but Galinda, you're a martyr!

(Galinda) Well, these things are sent to try us...

(Ensemble) Poor Galinda, forced to reside with someone so disgusting, We just want to tell you, we're

all on your side!

(Ensemble continues while Galinda and Elphaba sing the following)

What is this feeling, so sudden and new?

I felt the moment I laid eyes on you.

My pulse is rushing, my head is reeling. Oh, what is this feeling?!

Does it have name? Yes, ahhhhh... loathing!

There's a strange exhilaration, in such total detestation, it's so pure, so strong!

Though I do admit, it came on fast, still I do believe that it can last!

And I will be loathing for forever, loathing, truly deeply loathing you, my whole life long!!!!

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