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"If I Only Had The Nerve"

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Lion. Said a lion, poor, neurotic lion. To a miss who'll listen to him rave. "Oh, the lord made me a lion, but the lord forgot to make me brave".

Dorothy. Then his tail began to curl and wave.

Lion. Life is sad believe me, Missy, when you're born to be a sissy without the vim and verve. But I could change my habits never more be scared of RABBITS! if I only had the nerve. I'm afraid there's no denying I'm just a dandelion, a fate I don't deserve. But I could show my prowess be a lion not a mouse if I only had the nerve. Oh, I'd be in my stride, a king down to the core, I could roar the way I never roared before, and then I'd r-r-roof and roar some more. I would show the dinosaur whose king around the forest a king they'd better serve, why with my regal beezor I could be another Caesar, if I only had the nerve. I'd be brave as a blizzard.

Tin Man. I'd be gentle as a lizard.

Scarecrow. I'd be clever as a gizzard.

Dorothy. If the wizard is a wizard who will serve.
Scarecrow. Then I'm sure to get a brain.

Tin Man. A heart.

Dorothy. A home.

Lion. The nerve.

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