

AUDITION SIDE: BEAST, BELLE,

BELLE

Who's there?

*(hears the BEAST panting)*

I know someone's there. Who are you?

BEAST

The master of this castle.

BELLE

Then, you're the one who's responsible for this! Release my father at once!

BEAST

I do not take orders from anyone. Get out!

BELLE

No! Wait! Forgive me. Please, let him out. Can't you see he's not well?

BEAST

Then he should not have trespassed here.

But he's an old man. He could die!

**BELLE**

There's nothing you can do!

**BEAST**

Wait, please... take me instead!

**BELLE**

No! Belle, you don't know what you're doing.

**MAURICE**

You would do that? You would take his place?

**BEAST**

If I did, would you let him go?

**BELLE**

Yes. But you must promise to stay here... forever.

**BEAST**

No!

**MAURICE**

Come into the light.

**BELLE**

*(The BEAST draws near. BELLE cringes.)*

Belle, listen to me. I'm old... I've lived my life.

**MAURICE**

You have my word.

**BELLE**

Done.

**BEAST**