

# ACT TWO – SCENE 12

## Balloon.

*The TOWNSPEOPLE return, bringing with them the basket of a huge hot air balloon, the bulk of which is out of sight above the stage. The GUARD holds a rope attached to the balloon. OZ climbs into the basket and addresses the public. Music out for the dialogue.*

- OZ. Citizens of Oz, I, your Wizard per ardua ad alta, am about to embark upon a hazardous and technically unexplainable journey into the outer stratosphere. *(The CROWD cheers.)*  
 To confer, converse and otherwise hon-nob with my brother wizards. *(Cheer.)* And I hereby decree that until that time, if any, that I return, the Scarecrow, by virtue of his highly superior brains, shall rule in my stead, assisted by the Tinman, by virtue of his magnificent heart, and the Lion, by virtue of his courage! Obey them as you would me.

No. 46a

Incidental

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March

*(Orchestra)*

*Again the CROWD cheers.*

- OZ. Thank you my friends. And now I think it's time to cast off. Climb aboard, Dorothy. Climb aboard.

GUARD. Climb aboard, Missy, while the wind's in your favor.

DOROTHY. Where's Toto? I can't go without him.  
*(Somewhere in the CROWD, a little dog barks) Toto!*

GUARD. Don't worry! I'll get him for you!

No. 46b

Balloon Ascension No. 2

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*(Orchestra)*

*The GUARD lets go of the rope and enters the CROWD.  
 The balloon starts to rise. Music continues under dialogue.*

OZ. Don't let go the rope.

GUARD. What?

OZ. This is highly irregular procedure.

TINMAN. The balloon's going up.

SCARECROW. *(Snatching at the rope.)* Help! Help!