

AUDITION SIDE: BEAST, BELLE, MAURICE

BELLE

Hello? Is anyone here? Please, I'm looking for my father.

(MAURICE is revealed in a cell behind bars. A STATUE stands guard nearby.)

MAURICE

Belle? Is that you?

BELLE

Papa!

(BELLE rushes to MAURICE.)

MAURICE

(coughs from the chill)
How did you find me?

BELLE

Your hands are like ice! Who has done this to you?

(The BEAST appears in the shadows.)

MAURICE

Belle, you must leave this place.

BELLE

I won't leave you here!
(senses the BEAST)

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