**SIDE 1**

**GASTON**

Hello... Belle.

**BELLE**

Bonjour, Gaston.

*(GASTON blocks BELLE’s way.)*

Excuse me.

*(GASTON snatches BELLE’s book.)*

Gaston. May I have my book, please?

**GASTON**

*(flipping through the book)*

How can you read this? There's no pictures.

**BELLE**

Well some people use their imagination!

**GASTON**

Belle, it's about time you got your head out of these books and paid attention to more important things.

*(GASTON strikes a handsome pose.)*

**LEFOU**

Hint... hint.

**BELLE**

Like you? Gaston, please! I have to get inside to help my father.

**LEFOU**

That crazy old fool. He needs all the help he can get!

*(GASTON and LEFOU laugh heartily.)*

**BELLE**

Don't talk about my father that way!

**GASTON**

*(GASTON thunks LEFOU on the head.)*

Yeah! Don't talk about her father that way!

**BELLE**

My father's not crazy! He's a geniu

Side 2

COGSWORTH

I am Cogsworth, head of the household. And this is Lumiere...

LUMIERE

*(kisses BELLE's hand)*Enchanté, Mademoiselle.

COGSWORTH

If there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable. Anything... anything at all!

BELLE

I am a little hungry.

COGSWORTH

Except that.

MRS. POTTS

Cogsworth!

COGSWORTH

Well, you heard what the Master said!

MRS. POTTS

Oh, pish tosh! I'm not about to let the poor child go hungry!

COGSWORTH

Fine. Glass of water, crust of bread and then

LUMIERE

Cogsworth! She's not a prisoner, she's our guest! We must make her feel welcome here!

COGSWORTH

All right, dinner. But keep it down! If the Master finds out, it'll be our necks!

LUMIERE

Of course... of course! But what is dinner without a little music?

COGSWORTH

Music?

**Side 3**

**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.

**BELLE**

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

**BEAST**

There's nothing you can do!

**BELLE**

Wait, please... take me instead!

**MAURICE**

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

**BEAST**

You would do that? You would take his place?

**BELLE**

If I did, would you let him go?

**BEAST**

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

**MAURICE**

No!

**BELLE**

Come into the light.  
*(The BEAST draws near. BELLE cringes.)*

**MAURICE**

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

**BELLE**

You have my word.

**BEAST**

Done.