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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

#6b - Belle in the Castle

Orchestra

BELLE

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

(The lights come up on Maurice, behind bars in a cell.)

MAURICE

Belle? Is that you?

BELLE

Papa!

(Belle rushes to Maurice. She clings to him through the bars.)

MAURICE

How did you find me?

(He coughs from the chill.)

BELLE

Your hands are like ice! We have to get you out of here!

MAURICE

Belle, you must leave this place.

BELLE

Who's done this to you?

(The Beast appears, a shadowy form.)

MAURICE

There's no time to explain. You must go...now!

BELLE

I won't leave you here!

(She feels his presence and whirls around.)

Who's there?

(She can hear him panting...animal-like.)

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!

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BEAST

(He growls)

I am the master of the castle! I do not take orders from anyone. Throw her out!

(The caryatid stands up, grabs Belle)

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

He came into my home uninvited and now he'll suffer the consequences.

BELLE

Please...I'll do anything.

MAURICE

Belle!

BEAST

There's nothing you can do!

BELLE

Wait please!

BEAST

I said there is nothing you can do!

BELLE

Take me instead!

MAURICE

No!

BEAST

What did you say?

BELLE

Take me instead.

MAURICE

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

Forever?

BEAST

Forever! Or he dies in the dungeon!

BELLE

That's not fair... Wait! Come into the light.

BEAST

Make your choice!

MAURICE

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

BELLE

You have my word.

BEAST

Done.

BELLE

Papa!

(Beast roar)

MAURICE

No, no, I'm begging you! Please spare my daughter!

(The Beast drags Maurice out of the cell.)

BEAST

Take him to the crossroads.

BELLE

WAIT! No, not yet!

MAURICE

Let her go! Let her go! Belle! Belle!

BELLE

Papa!

(Maurice is dragged away)

LUMIERE

(whispering)

Master...

(The Beast roars angrily. Lumiere slinks away. There's a beat...and Lumiere comes back.)

Master, please!

(treading on eggshells)

Since the girl is going to be with us for quite some time...you might want to offer her a more comfortable room.

BELLE

You didn't let me say good-bye!

BEAST

What?

BELLE

I'll never see him again...and I didn't even get to say good-bye.

(The Beast studies her for a moment, confused by this outpouring of emotion.)

BEAST

I'll...show you to your room.

(He turns to go, but she doesn't follow.)

BELLE

My room? But I thought...

(He turns back, confused, irritated.)

BEAST

Do you want to stay in that dungeon?

BELLE

No.

BEAST

Then follow —

(HE reaches for her. SHE recoils from his hand in fear. HE stops, then...)

You follow me!

(During the following, the Beast leads Belle through the dark, dreary castle. The Beast explains the rules of the castle in a gruff tone.)

This is your home now. You're free to go anywhere you like...except the West Wing.

BELLE

Why, what's in the West...?

BEAST

IT'S FORBIDDEN! You are never to set foot there...do you understand?

(She doesn't answer fast enough to suit him.)

DO YOU UNDERSTAND!

BELLE

Yes!

(He moves on. Belle watches him.)

BEAST

This is your room. I hope you'll be comfortable here. If you need anything, my servants will attend you.

(He motions impatiently for her to go in. Belle steps inside.)

And, one more thing. You will join me for dinner.

(Belle turns away.)

That is not a request!

(The Beast turns and exits)

#7 - Is This Home?

Belle

(The lights come up in the Interior of Belle's room. As she looks around at the strange, unfamiliar surroundings, she can no longer hold back the dark despair that threatens to overwhelm her. She SINGS:)

BELLE

YES, I MADE THE CHOICE
 FOR PAPA - I WILL STAY
 BUT I DON'T DESERVE TO LOSE MY FREEDOM IN THIS WAY
 YOU MONSTER!
 IF YOU THINK THAT WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS RIGHT, WELL THEN,
 YOU'RE A FOOL
 THINK AGAIN
 IS THIS HOME?
 IS THIS WHERE I SHOULD LEARN TO BE HAPPY?
 NEVER DREAMED
 THAT A HOME COULD BE DARK AND COLD
 I WAS TOLD
 EVERY DAY IN MY CHILDHOOD
 EVEN WHEN WE GROW OLD
 HOME SHOULD BE WHERE THE HEART IS
 NEVER WERE WORDS SO TRUE