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s. Potts

(MRS. POTTS)

TALE AS OLD AS TIME
SONG AS OLD AS RHYME
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Off to the cupboard with you now, Chip. It's past your bedtime. Goodnight, luv.

(Mrs. Potts and Chip exit. Belle and the Beast on a bench.)

BEAST

Thank you for asking me to dinner.

BELLE

Dinner was wonderful.

BEAST

Belle, I...

BELLE

Yes?

BEAST

Belle, are you happy here?

BELLE

Oh, yes...everyone's so kind. Mrs. Potts, Lumiere...

BEAST

With me?

BELLE

Yes.

(There's a long uncomfortable pause. Cogsworth and Lumiere enter.)

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Orchestra

BEAST

I must speak from...

~~LUMIERE AND COGSWORTH~~

...the heart!

BEAST

Is something wrong?

BELLE

I was just thinking about my father. I miss him so much. I wish I could see him again.

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BEAST

There is a way. This Mirror will show you anything...anything you wish to see.

BELLE

I'd like to see my father, please.

Papa? Oh, no... Papa! Something's wrong! He's in the woods! I think he's lost... I should... (I should)..

BEAST

(with difficulty)

Go to him.

BELLE

What?

BEAST

You should go to him.

BELLE

But what about...?

BEAST

You're not my prisoner anymore. You haven't been for a long time.

(She tries to return the Mirror but he pushes it back toward her.)

Take it with you. So you'll always have a way to look back...and remember me.

(She takes his hand briefly.)

BELLE

I could never forget you.

(He holds her hand...almost desperately...as if he's waiting for her to say something more.)

BEAST

Belle, I...

BELLE

Yes?

BEAST

Go. Go. Go.

(She turns and runs out. He watches her go.)

I'll never see her again.

(Lumiere, Cogsworth and Mrs. Potts enter.)

COGSWORTH

Well, sire, I must say. Everything is going just swimmingly. I knew you had it in you!