Queen gestures + aggressively

### **OUEEN OF HEARTS**

What a lovely, lovely song. Now, off with her head!

(The ROYAL CARDS approach ALICE.)

coming up ramp

### ALICE

Oh, I'm not afraid of you! You're nothing but a pack of playing cards!

### WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp!

**ROYAL CARDS** 

What did you call us?

ALICE

I should shuffle you all and cut you in half!

**OUEEN OF HEARTS** 

Revolution! Revolution!! Off with her head, I say!!!

(The ROYAL CARDS grab ALICE.)

ALICE

Wait! Don't I get a defense attorney? Isn't anyone going to help me?

(#37 – ENTER THE CATERPILLAR 2. The CATERPILLAR enter stage L Keinhole flies in.)

**CATERPILLAR** 

Hey, kiddo, I'll help you... if it so please the court.

Well, it really so doesn't, but I guess it's only fair.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS** 

KING OF HEARTS

(seething)

One minute, Caterpillar... then off with her head!

CATERPILLAR

Off with her head, got it. coming & center

A Cat

(to ALICE)

Hey, kiddo. What an adventure you've been on! What people you've met! Now, answer this one simple question, and dig deep: Whooooo are youuuuu?

### (#38 – WHOOO ARE YOUUU?)

### ALICE

(thinking)

Well, I'm not a silly pair of Tweedles who get all bent out of shape and tied up in knots if you don't know the proper way to say hello!

### **TWEEDLES**

I'm sorry!

(SMALL ALICE joins ALICE on the stand.)

SMALL ALICE

m certainly not - 1

And I'm certainly not a bunch of snooty flowers who act like they're better than everybody else and whose only ambition in life is to look pretty!

### **FLOWERS**

Hmph.

(TALL ALICE joins ALICE and SMALL ALICE.)

TALL ALICE

And I'm not some party animal Mad Hatter who likes to cheat at games and break other people's things to be funny.

### **MAD HATTER**

How dare you!

they up to line

### **SMALL ALICE**

And I'm not an anxious White Rabbit who never has time to visit and play and get to know me—

### TALL ALICE

When all I wanted to do was be his friend.

### WHITE RABBIT

Oh dear, dear, dear...

ALICE

all 3 step up

And I'm absolutely...positively...

**SMALL ALICE** 

Categorically....

TALL ALICE

Not a big old nasty Queen of Hearts who bosses people around! + wrn was a ge

(The WONDER AND

criticism of their QUEEN. Their panicked muttering escalates into a cacophony.)

ALICE

(realizing)
Wait.... Jurn around

Hold on ... turn around SMALL ALICE

That's it...!

ALICE, SMALL ALICE, TALL ALICE

**QUIET!** 

(Everyone is silent.)

ALICE

I'll tell you who I am—

(The ALICES join hands.)

SMALL ALICE

I'm Alice!

TALL ALICE

I'm Alice!

**ALICE** 

I'm Alice! And I never want to be anyone else.

(#39 – OUT OF WONDERLAND. SMALL ALICE, TALL ALICE and the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE swirl around ALICE as they exit, as if disappearing through a fog. In the swirl, ALICE lays down asleep, exactly as she was in "A World of My Own.")

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

(various, overlapping)

Alice....Alice....

exit sides

2 fans cross in

Front front around

flower funct around

Alice falls askey

## **EPILOGUE: ALICE WAKES**

(The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE is gone. ALICE lies on a bare stage, asleep. MATHILDA enters, looking for her sister.)

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(calling out)

Alice... Alice...

(MATHILDA sees ALICE is sleeping. MATHILDA approaches, waking her.)

Wake up, Alice. Alice!

ALICE

(waking up)

She's going to cut off my head!

kneel by her

**MATHILDA** 

Who's going to what?

**ALICE** 

The Queen of Hearts!

**MATHILDA** 

Alice, you've been dreaming again. You were asleep, silly.

**ALICE** 

I was?

(looks around)

Well, then that was the wildest dream! But I think I figured out who I am. I'm Alice. And I'm proud to be her. No matter what anybody else thinks.

(MATHILDA hugs ALICE.)

**MATHILDA** 

Good for you, Alice.

**ALICE** 

Can I borrow your notebook? I need to write this story down.

penci!

(MATHILDA hands her notebook and pen to ALICE. ALICE immediately starts to write, a big smile on her face as she furiously scribbles everything down on the page.)

**MATHILDA** 

Hey, Alice? I'd love to read it when you're done. You do have an amazing imagination.

lock up

**ALICE** 

(smiling, proudly)

I know.

(<u>#40 - FINALE</u>.)

# **Finale**

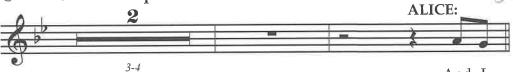
(A clock chimes. ALICE pulls the WHITE RABBIT's watch out of her pocket.)

MATHILDA: Where did you get that watch?



ALICE: Curiouser and curiouser...

Stadium Pop = 130



And I











(ALICE looks all around her at the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE. MATHILDA can see them too, as if ALICE has told a story that brings them all to life. End of play. #41 -BOWS. #42 - EXIT MUSIC.)