

(BELLE)

FOR NOW I LOVE THE WORLD I SEE
 NO CHANGE OF HEART
 A CHANGE IN ME
 FOR IN MY DARK DESPAIR
 I SLOWLY UNDERSTOOD
 MY PERFECT WORLD OUT THERE
 HAD DISAPPEARED FOR GOOD
 BUT IN IT'S PLACE I FEEL
 A TRUER LIFE BEGIN
 AND IT'S SO GOOD AND REAL
 IT MUST COME FROM WITHIN
 AND I -
 I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LEAVE BEHIND
 MY CHILDHOOD DREAMS BUT I DON'T MIND
 I'M WHERE AND WHO I WANT TO BE
 NO CHANGE OF HEART
 A CHANGE IN ME
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(Monsieur D'Arque enters with a mob)

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

Good afternoon.

BELLE

Monsieur D'Arque!

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

I've come to collect your father.

BELLE

What?

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

Don't worry. We'll take good care of him.

BELLE

My father's not crazy!

LEFOU

He was raving like a lunatic. We all heard him.

(to the crowd)

Didn't we?

(They murmur their agreement.)

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

All right...come along quietly, now

BELLE

You can't do this!

LEFOU

Tell us again, old man. Just how big was that beast?

MAURICE

Well, he was enormous! He was at least eight...no, more like ten feet tall!

LEFOU

You don't get much crazier than that!

MAURICE

It's true...I tell you!

(Monsieur D'Arque's men move in and grab Maurice.)

What are you doing? Let go of me!

D'ARQUE

Tell me Maurice...when did you first start having these delusions?

MAURICE

It is not a delusion. The Beast was real! And so was the talking clock!

(The crowd laughs as Gaston appears out of the shadows.)

GASTON

Poor Belle. It's a shame about your father.

BELLE

Gaston, you know he's not crazy!

GASTON

I might be able to clear up this little misunderstanding if...

BELLE

If what?

GASTON

If you'll marry me!

BELLE

WHAT?

GASTON

One little word, Belle...that's all it takes...

BELLE

NEVER!

(He grabs her roughly and kisses her on the lips. She pushes him away and slaps his face. He moves as if to retaliate. The crowd gasps)

GASTON

Have it your way!

(to D'Arque)

Take the old man!

MAURICE

Let go of me! Belle!

BELLE

Wait! I can prove my father's not crazy!

(Everyone stops and looks up. Belle pulls the Magic Mirror out of the sack and holds it up for all to see.)

(to the Mirror)

Show me the Beast!

(The image of the Beast appears in the Magic Mirror.)

#16b - Show Me the Beast

Orchestra

MAURICE

That's him! That's him!

(The crowd gasps. D'Arque's men release Maurice. The townspeople are terrified.)

A MOTHER

Is he dangerous?

BELLE

Oh no, he'd never hurt anyone. I know he looks frightful, but he's really kind and gentle. He's my friend.

GASTON

If I didn't know better, I'd say you have feelings for this monster.

BELLE

He's not the monster, Gaston! You are!

GASTON

She's as crazy as the old man! She says this creature is her friend. Well, I've hunted wild beasts and I've seen what they can do!

(He whips the townspeople into a frenzy, transforming them into a wild angry mob.)