

ACT ONE, SCENE Three: The Interior of the Castle / The Dungeon

[LX Darkness]

[A faint silhouette of the Beast hangs]

[SFX a low growl echoes – castle ambience]

Beast There are strangers here in my castle!

[The Beast still covering himself rushes to the front of the stage]

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE!!? Leave...You dare to disobey me!?
What do you want from me? You are not welcome here!

[SFX Mirror alive]

[LX State for Mirror]

Mirror Hey grumpy, Oi...! Mr Hairy...
You don't have to be so...well...scary!

[Beast looks up at the audience and laughs self mockingly]

Beast Hideous aren't !! Why don't you all stare...at the BEAST!

[SFX loud roar]

Mirror Don't you worry girls and boys
This overgrown pussycat is just - all noise!

Beast And now you, mirror, seek to humiliate me!
[To audience] I beseech you – do not approach me – I have
a...temper...Once I was like...you. I was a Prince - but I grew vain
and arrogant – and was cursed to this form by an Enchantress who
saw no love in my heart for others.

Mirror To break the spell he must listen when love calls
Before the last rose petal falls
Then all will celebrate and all will feast...!

Beast But who could ever learn to love...a beast?

[SFX loud roar]

So now, if I am to suffer – why should I do it alone!

Mirror Oh yes brilliant – *[sarcastic]* thank you mate!
To just hang here forever my fate?
To listen to your roaring more than anyone should!

But at least the wifi in this castle's pretty good!

Beast Why are you here and why do you keep speaking like that!?

Mirror I'm here to stop you going mad...in verse
And to stop things from going from bad...to worse!

Beast How could things get any worse!

Mirror I see that Prince you are in pain
And you could be yourself again
Only you can change your destiny
And find true love your majesty

Beast Only a fool would love something that looks like...this...

[A rose with a label attached drops from above]

Mirror This rose carries with it a message my Prince
And you have only yourself to convince
So read on sire, I implore...
You have till the last petal touches the floor

[SFX LX Mirror fades]

[LX CUE Return to Previous State]

Beast *[He reads the label]* "Once the final petal falls from this rose. The Enchantress's curse can never be reversed and you shall stay forever – a beast!" No! Why!?!

[SFX loud roar]

Damned to spend eternity here alone! And now this rose is making me find love or die! Go away and leave me with my misery...If I am to live alone then I shall die alone!

[SFX Roar into Dramatic/Suspense]

[SFX Segue into Next Scene]

[FLY CUE Front Cloth Out]

[LX Cross Fade into Next Scene]