

**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]*