

## #1 THE CAT IN THE HAT

*(THE CAT appears as an auctioneer. NOTE: Another "free" improvisational area for THE CAT please start with what's here and improvise with audience a little.)*

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Seusseby's.  
Our first item up to bid this evening is lot 39, a pendulous pachyderm on egg, nest and tree. The bidding will begin at ten thousand dollars. Do I hear ten, ten thousand?

*(THE CAT improvs with the audience.)*

Going once, going twice and.....

*(THE CAT bangs his gavel.)*

Sold! to the man with the sideburns and the greasy black moustache - oh, excuse me, Madam!

Sold instead, to the man from the circus!

## #2 JOJO

*(A red-and-white-striped hat sits on a very empty stage. JOJO enters and notices it.)*

Now that is a very unusual hat.

I wonder what's under a hat such as that.

It could be a creature they call the Ga-Zat

Who balances things on his head, cause it's flat.

Or a stripe loving Pipester from Upper Mount Bat.

Or a sort of a kind of a hat-wearing...

*(The BOY picks up the hat, and THE CAT IN THE HAT (THE CAT) suddenly appears.)*

Cat!

## #3 HORTON

*(The clover drops, and the WHOS scream. HORTON tries to catch it, but it's too late. They are lost in a huge field of clover. HORTON stands alone.)*

That bird let that clover drop somewhere inside  
Of a great patch of clovers, a hundred miles wide!

I'll find it. I'll find it! I'll find it or bust!

Well, I shall find my friends on their small speck of dust.

Yes, clover by clover by clover with care

I'll listen and call, are you there? Are you there?

## #4 GERTRUDE McFUZZ

I'll bet you forgot about Gertrude McFuzz.

Well, thats nothing new.

I mean, everyone does.

But Gertrude did something

that few birds could do....

## #5 MAYZIE

I won't be gone long, kid. I give you my word.  
I'll hurry right back, 'cause I'm that sort of bird!  
Oh, Horton, I promise! I'll fly back real soon.  
I'd only be gone for, say, one afternoon!

## #6 SOUR KANGAROO

(grudgingly she doesn't want to admit she was wrong)  
How True! Yes, how true! Said the Sour Kangaroo.  
And, from now on, you know what I'm planning to do?  
From now on, I'm going to protect them with you!

## #7 YOUNG KANGAROO

How True! Yes, how true! Said the young Kangaroo.  
Hrmmph! ME TOO!

## #8 GENERAL GENGHIS KHAN SCHMIDTZ

I'm General Genghis Kahn Schmidtz, I scare children out of their wits!  
You'll see at a glance sir, my school is the answer for shirkers and dreamers and twits,  
And in this case, I'd say the show fits.  
Ten hut! Chin up. Feet together. Eyes on the prize. Forward march!

## #9 Mr. or Mrs. Mayor

(JoJo has just taken a bath and made a huge mess in the bathroom)  
JoJo! The tub's overflowed on the floor!  
The water is running right under the door!

The ceiling is peeling!  
You've flooded the den!  
Oh, JoJo, I think you've been thinking again!

I say this with firmness and terrible sorrow.  
Young man, we will deal with you come tomorrow!

## #10a. GENERAL SIDES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If we didn't have birthdays,  
you wouldn't be you.  
If you'd never been born,  
well then what would you do?  
If you'd never been born,  
well then what would you be?  
You might be a fish!  
Or a toad in a tree!  
You might be a doorknob!  
Or three baked potatoes!  
You might be a bag full of  
hard green tomatoes.  
Or worse than all that...  
Why, you might be a WASN'T!  
A Wasn't has no fun at all.  
No, he doesn't.  
A Wasn't just isn't. He just  
isn't present. But you...  
You ARE YOU!  
And, now isn't that pleasant!

## #10b. GENERAL SIDES

### OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

*You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
Any direction you choose.  
You're on your own. And  
you know what you know.  
And YOU are the guy who'll  
decide where to go.  
You'll get mixed up,  
of course, as you already know.  
You'll get mixed up with  
many strange birds as you go.  
So be sure when you step.  
Step with care and great  
tact and remember that  
Life's A Great Balancing Act.  
And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will, indeed!*