

## Gertrude Audition Scene

*Gertrude is very sweet and considerate and in love with Horton. She has just gone through a lot of trouble to grow a fancy new tail to impress Horton. Horton thinks of Gertrude only as a friend...for now.*

**Gertrude:** Hi Horton. I brought you a scarf.

**Horton:** Thank you, Gertrude. Have you seen Mayzie?

**Gertrude:** No, but she sent a card from Palm Beach.

**Horton:** Palm Beach! Gertrude what if she never comes back?

**Gertrude:** Don't worry, she will. Um, Horton...notice anything different?

**Horton:** Yes, it's getting colder.

**Gertrude:** Yes. It is getting colder. Notice anything else?

**Horton:** Yes, the wind is starting to pick up a bit.

**Gertrude:** Umm-Hmm. Anything else?

**Horton:** Yeah, Mayzie's still not back.

**Gertrude:** Enough about Mayzie! Have you noticed anything new about me?

**Horton:** Ummm...oh yeah...you have a little spinach stuck in your beak.

**Gertrude:** Oh. Thanks. (Sadly, she turns to leave) Why do I bother? Good-bye Horton.

**Horton:** (Not really noticing) Huh? Oh, yeah. Good-bye Gertrude.