

ALICE

I hear them calling, too.

(ALICE urges forward for the kiss. ALFRED almost surrenders to it, but catches himself, grabs her shoulders, stopping her. Assuming his role as Court Herald, he summons Wonderland around them.)

WHITE RABBIT

Silence in the Court!

ALICE

Don't! No!

#13A – Intro to the Trial

(Music out. The WHITE RABBIT leaps into position as the Herald. The entire Court assembles around them, holding medical clipboards like ledgers)

WHITE RABBIT

All rise for the Queen.

#13B – Wonderland Fanfare

(A fanfare sounds. The QUEEN OF HEARTS enters like a vision of royal majesty. The KING OF HEARTS follows. The entire Court falls flat on their face, like a deck of playing cards.)

START

QUEEN OF HEARTS

(Benignly)

As you were.

(The crowd rises again to their feet. The QUEEN basks in her reflected glory.)

Well, I am proud – so proud,
to behold this record-breaking crowd.

Which of you, can we say, loves us most?

(A silence. The QUEEN OF HEARTS glares at the KING OF HEARTS.)

Yes?

KING OF HEARTS

Never has there been a Queen...

QUEEN OF HEARTS

(Glares more glaringly)

Mm?

KING OF HEARTS

Who has accomplished so much...

QUEEN OF HEARTS

And?

KING OF HEARTS

And has done... so many things.

(The KING OF HEARTS prompts applause from the crowd and the QUEEN OF HEARTS basks in it. ALICE rises and curtsies.)

ALICE

Your Majesty.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

You?

Well. At least, she's brought her head.

That's good.

(The KING OF HEARTS gestures to the Court. They all pull out slates to take notes on.)

KING OF HEARTS

Brought her head. That's Important.

(They note it on their slates.)

#13C – Notes from the Jury

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Ssh!

END (To ALICE)

Come back for another look, have you?

And found yourself too big for picture-books?

Too huge for fools like us?!