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MAYZIE LA BIRD

SIDE 1

HORTON: Two million, nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine. It's hopeless.

(A voice is heard over Horton's head.)

MAYZIE: You said it, kid.

HORTON: Who's there?

MAYZIE: It's me. Mayzie. Up here.

HORTON: Mayzie...Are you on a nest?

MAYZIE: Yeah. You wanna make something of it?

HORTON: No, I just never thought I'd see you on a nest.

MAYZIE: Neither did I, Hort. Neither did I.

(THE CAT rides out on a small, Seussian piano and plays a jazz intro for MAYZIE.)

SIDE 2

HORTON: Why, Mayzie, I couldn't. Of all silly things!

I haven't got feathers. I haven't got wings.

And not only that, but I'm here on a search.

I just couldn't leave my poor Whos in the lurch!

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!

(A beat, as HORTON considers this.)

HORTON: *(relenting)* Well...we all need vacations.

All right, go on, take it.

I'll sit on your egg

And I'll try not to break it.

But please come back quickly—

One hour, maybe two.



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anks a million! Toodle-oooo!!

beat on the piano, accompanying MAYZIE as she flies off, thrilled with her newfound freedom. The BIRD GIRLS watch as HORTON climbs the tree with great trepidation, and gingerly gets into the nest.)

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