

/[Matilda Stage 1 Script - ALW Sa

SCENE 6: THE PLAYGROUND AT SCHOOL

Lavender crosses to Matilda)

LAVENDER

Hi Matilda – how’s your first week at school been?

BRUCE

Yeah – what’s it like being the new girl?

MATILDA

It’s okay... better than being at home.

AMBER

Wait – you actually *like* school?

MATILDA

Yes!

LILY

That’s strange!

ERIC

Very strange. I only like football.

MATILDA

I just like learning.

HORTENSIA

Learning? What sort of learning?

MATILDA

Mostly reading... but I also like maths and science.

AMBER

Did you not know? She's a genius.

ALL

A genius? Wow!

LILY

Let's test her!

(Matilda answers silently or mimes confidence)

**Important Note for Teacher - Additional Lines Need Adding Below -
See Rehearsal Schedule For Information**

LAVENDER

You see! She really *is* a brain box!

(Miss Trunchbull's whistle is heard offstage. Nigel panics.)

NIGEL

Hide me! Someone poured a whole can of treacle on Miss Trunchbull's chair! They said I did it, and now she's after me!

MATILDA

That's not fair!

ERIC

Once Trunchbull decides you're guilty, you're doomed.

NIGEL

She's saying she's putting me in the Chokey!

AMANDA

What's the Chokey?

NIGEL

It's a cupboard with spikes and nails!

MATILDA

Alright. When did this happen?

NIGEL

Twenty minutes ago (spotting Trunchbull)
She's coming!

MATILDA

Quick! Hide! Blazers!

(The children throw coats over Nigel, hiding him. They quickly form an inspection line. Trunchbull enters. All avoid eye contact except Matilda.)

TRUNCHBULL

Where is that maggot Nigel?

(All the children point to the pile of coats.)

MATILDA

He's been there for an hour.

TRUNCHBULL

An hour?!

MATILDA

Yes. We put him there for safety.

ALL

For safety!

LAVENDER

Definitely for safety!

(Nigel pops up, stretching.)

NIGEL

(yawning)

Is it time for school yet, Mum?

TRUNCHBULL

Something is going on here...

(She turns suddenly.)

Amanda Thripp!

(Amanda steps forward.)

AMANDA

Yes, Miss Trunchbull.

TRUNCHBULL

What have I told you about pigtails? I *hate* pigtails!

AMANDA

But my mummy says they're pretty.

TRUNCHBULL

Then your mummy is a twit!

(Trunchbull swings Amanda by the pigtails and throws her offstage.)

TRUNCHBULL

You! What's your name?

MATILDA

Matilda Wormwood.

TRUNCHBULL

Well, Wormwood, you've just made a very big mistake!

(Trunchbull exits.)

(The children stare at Matilda.)

ALL
Wow!

#9 - School Song (Stage 1 Dance)

(The first 15s is used to move into their Dance Positions)

#10 - Mechanics Part 1 (Transition/Underscore Music)

SCENE 12: A PARK

#19 - When I Grow Up (Stage 1 Song)

When I grow up
I will be tall enough to reach the branches
That I need to reach to climb the trees
You get to climb when you're grown up

And when I grow up
I will be smart enough to answer all
The questions that you need to know
The answers to before you're grown up

And when I grow up
I will eat sweets every day
On the way to work and I
Will go to bed late every night

And I will wake up
When the sun comes up and I
Will watch cartoons until my eyes go square
And I won't care 'cause I'll be all grown up!

When I grow up!

When I grow up, when I grow up (When I grow up)
I will be strong enough to carry all

The heavy things you have to haul
Around with you when you're a grown-up

And when I grow up, when I grow up (When I grow up)
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures
That you have to fight beneath the bed
Each night to be a grown-up

And when I grow up (And when I grow up)
I will have treats every day
And I'll play with things that mum pretends
That mums don't think are fun

And I will wake up (And I will wake up)
When the sun comes up and I
Will spend all day just lying in the sun
And I won't burn 'cause I'll be all grown-up

When I grow up

And when I grow up
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures
That you have to fight beneath the bed
Each night to be a grown-up
When I grow up...

Just because you find that life's not fair, it
Doesn't mean that you just have to grin and bear it
If you always take it on the chin and wear it
Nothing will change

When I grow up...

Just because I find myself in this story
It doesn't mean that everything is written for me
If I think the ending is fixed already
I might as well be saying
I think that it's OK

And that's not right!

Poem (ALL Stage 1):

We're growing up a little each day
Learning how to laugh and how to play
Tying our shoes and spelling our name
Trying new things in every game

We reach a bit higher than before
Curious feet exploring more and more
From tiny steps to brave and strong
Singing our happy growing song

We help our friends and share our smiles
Walking together all the while
Big dreams start small and shine so bright
Like morning stars and soft moonlight

We're kind and brave in all we do
Growing into someone new
Hand in hand, we'll find our way
Growing up, hip hip hooray!

#20 - To Wormwood House (Transition Music)