

**SCENE 11**

(TOAD, in his washerwoman's outfit, runs along a country lane.)

**#13A The Amazing Mister
Toad (Reprise)**



Track #27

TOAD

(over his shoulder)

Ignorant fools! Did you really think you could catch Toad? Toad the Magnificent! Toad the Triumphant! Toad who always escapes!

BADGER

But not from me.

(He has stepped out from behind a tree. TOAD gulps.)

TOAD

Badger? Fancy meeting you.

BADGER

Yes. Fancy.

TOAD

You must excuse this curious attire.

BADGER

It seems to me there are a good many things to be excused. But I agree. That absurd costume would be a good place to start.

(The MAGISTRATE thunders on to the stage, followed by two of the POLICEMEN who grab TOAD and pin him down.)

MAGISTRATE

Seize him! Drag him back to the dungeons!

BADGER

Unhand him! This instant!

MAGISTRATE

But Toad is an escaped criminal, found guilty! In my Court!

BADGER

...By a Jury made up entirely of Wild Wooders, who took over Toad Hall as soon as its rightful owner was locked up.

MAGISTRATE

Took over Toad Hall?

BADGER

And you sanctioned this injustice, sir. You were, in short, an accomplice to their crime!

MAGISTRATE

Oh dear...

BADGER

So might it not be better *for all concerned* to put the matter behind us once and for all and get back to the way things were?

(The MAGISTRATE turns nervously to TOAD.)

MAGISTRATE

Well, let it be a lesson to you.

BADGER

Don't worry, it will be. I'll see to that.

(The MAGISTRATE sweeps out, followed by the POLICEMEN.)

TOAD

You're a miracle-worker, Badger.

BADGER

Very kind.

TOAD

Not a bit. One genius should always recognize another. But what's all this about the weasels and stoats stealing my house?

BADGER

Quickly, this way.

(They run off to join RAT, MOLE, and MRS OTTER outside Toad Hall.)

#13B Sneaky Transition 1



Track #28