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ACT I**TEASER****1.) INT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE -- BATHROOM -- DAY**

FLUTTERSHY is sweetly singing a wonderfully enchanting song in the shower and she sounds amazing! **PLEASE NOTE: Different parts of this same song will be sung throughout this episode.** All her animal friends are dancing and swirling happily at her beautiful voice. It's a beautiful, magical musical moment. As Fluttershy finishes her little tune, she seems happier than she's ever been!

END TEASER**2.) INT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE – BATHROOM – CONTINUOUS**

Having finished her song, the beaming Fluttershy dries off admitting to the animals that the only time she truly feels that kind of joy is when she sings. But she could never, every sing in public. So this is between her and them...right?

3.) EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE – DAY – CONTINUOUS

Stepping out of her house, she discovers TWILIGHT, APPLEJACK, PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, and RARITY standing there with their jaws dropped. They all heard her singing as they walked up. She is so a great! Pinkie Pie jumps up and says that Fluttershy *has* to be the lead singer in Ponyville's new acapella singing group—the Pony Tones! Fluttershy completely freaks out. She's already uncomfortable being the musical director of the group. But it's since their performance is for the Animal Food Drive Charity Benefit, she simply couldn't say no. But there is **no way** she could take the lead and sing in front of a bunch of ponies. She has far too much stage fright! Fluttershy scurries off quickly, not wanting to discuss it anymore.

4.) EXT. PONYVILLE SQUARE – GAZEBO – A LITTLE LATER

Fluttershy demurely leads the Pony Tones in their singing as the musical director, clearly uneasy with this position of authority. Still, she does her best and is very determined to make sure that this trio sounds fantastic for their performance at the Animal Food Drive since all the donations will help feed the hungry animals of Ponyville.

As the Pony Tones rehearse, the lead soprano of the group belts out her part. Fluttershy mouths her lyrics, clearly wishing she wasn't so shy and was up there singing herself. But as she listens closer to the group sing, Fluttershy feels something is missing. The trio is good. But a quartet would be much better. They need a deep rich voice to

round out the sound. But where could she find somepony with that kind of voice before their big performance?

5.) EXT. PONYVILLE – A LITTLE LATER

A flummoxed Fluttershy wanders Ponyville asking her friends if they have any ideas on who could possibly carry the baritone bass part in the Pony Tones. But as each of her friends tries to offer a suggestion, Fluttershy walks off, too overwhelmed to listen. (Throughout these encounters a deep, resonating voice is heard all through Ponyville. All the ponies except Fluttershy seem to hear it.)

6.) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – A LITTLE LATER

Fluttershy's wanderings have led her to Sweet Apple Acres where Big Mac is plowing the fields and singing. Wondering once again who she could possibly get to fill out the Pony Tones sound, she finally hears Big Mac! Of course! Big Mac! Mustering up all the courage she can, Fluttershy asks Big Mac if he would join the Pony Tones. She rambles on in her request, saying that she's sure Big Mac is much too busy with plowing the fields and bucking apples and helping his family. After blathering on and on, she finally stops to hear his answer, fully expecting a "Nope." Fluttershy winces in anticipation. But just then her ears hear a resounding "Eeyup!"

7.) EXT. PONYVILLE SQUARE – GAZEBO – A LITTLE LATER

Fluttershy announces to the Pony Tones that Big Mac will be joining the group. Big Mac starts the song in a 50s style doo-wop style with, "Yup, yup, yup, yup. Nope, nope, nope, nope," and then launches into singing actual words! With Big Mac's voice added to the mix, the Pony Tones sound perfect! They are totally ready to headline the Animal Food Drive!

8.) EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE – EARLY MORNING – THE NEXT DAY

The morning of the show, Big Mac shows up at Fluttershy's door with a terrible case of laryngitis! He can't sing!

ACT II

9.) EXT. EVERFREE FOREST – DAY – LATER

Fluttershy is freaking out! Desperate for a cure, she and Big Mac run through the Everfree Forest to see Zecora. As they run, a concerned Fluttershy asks Big Mac if his loss of voice came from a cold. "Nope," he softly says. "Too much singing?" she asks fearfully. "Nope," he replies hoarsely. "Then what?" asks Fluttershy.

10.) FLASHBACK – EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – DAY

Applejack is standing in the middle of the field with a bunch of TURKEYS around her. She yells out, “Is the defending champion of our Turkey Call ready to fight for his title?” On Big Mac beaming as he opens his mouth to let out a fierce Turkey Call.

11.) RESUME REALITY – EXT. EVERFREE FOREST – DAY – CONTINUOUS

Big Mac looks really sheepish as Fluttershy gives him the most disappointed look she can muster. The Turkey Call? Really?

12.) INT. ZECORA’S HUT – DAY – LATER

Zecora notes that she can cure Big Mac, but it won’t be in time for tonight’s performance noting, “I can cure this pony that is hoarse, but it shall take a longer course.” Fluttershy doesn’t know what to do about losing Big Mac’s voice. It would totally ruin the Pony Tones’ sound. And they can’t reschedule the event! Where else can they find a deep rich voice like Big Mac’s by tonight? Zecora laughs to herself noting that the only other voice she’s heard that could match Big Mac’s baritone tones is when Fluttershy was infected with Poison Joke.

That’s it! If Zecora mixes up a special Poison Joke tonic for Fluttershy, she’ll have her deep “Flutterguy” voice like Big Mac. “I’ll do it for the animals! I’d do anything for the animals!” says Fluttershy. “Yup! You’d even be on stage,” comments Big Mac. Fluttershy’s eyes grow wide in horror, “Oh, except that.” As much as she loves the animals, she can’t bring herself to be on stage singing in front of everypony. But, she could sing **not** in front of everypony! If she gets infected with Poison Joke and Big Mac lip syncs as she sings behind the curtain, all their problems would be solved and the show could go on!

10.) EXT. PONYVILLE – GAZEBO – THAT EVENING

The Animal Food Drive is a smashing success. But now the crowd is eager to see the Pony Tones performance. Big Mac is in front of the curtain while Fluttershy is right behind him. When the song begins, Big Mac moves his mouth as Fluttershy sings as Flutterguy. Behind the curtain, Fluttershy is free to sing like she does in the shower. She is so happy. And the performance is fantastic! The crowd goes wild! When her friends comment at how great Big Mac was, Fluttershy can’t help but blush with pride. The ponies of Ponyville want more! The Pony Tones have to perform again!

11.) EXT. PONYVILLE – TOWN SQUARE/GAZEBO – DAY

Their next gig is for a Cuteciñera in Town Square. As Fluttershy and Big Mac prepare the stage area, Fluttershy is giddy (with her deep voice) at the chance to perform again. Big

Mac (with his high-pitched hoarse voice) tries to convince Fluttershy to take the stage so she can actually sing in front of everypony. Doesn't she want to perform in front of the hooflights? Experience the joy of performing and get praise for her real singing? But Fluttershy can't do it. Her stage fright is just too strong. Hiding behind the curtain once again, Big Mac lip syncs while Fluttershy sings without fear.

12.) MONTAGE – MARKET – DAY

The Pony Tones are so popular, they are asked to perform again and again. In a MUSICAL MONTAGE, Big Mac "sings" as Fluttershy's front man as Fluttershy sings from behind the curtain with abandon. Fluttershy is so eager to sing, she agrees to any performance. At market openings as the MAYOR cuts the ribbon...

13.) MONTAGE – SCHOOL HOUSE – DAY

At a school assembly in front of excited school ponies...

14.) MONTAGE – LA-TI-DA SPA – DAY

At the spa soothing the patrons...

15.) MONTAGE – CAFÉ HAY – EVENING

At Café Hay serenading CRANKY DOODLE DONKEY and MATILDA as they dine...

And with each performance, she gets more and more into her singing, not holding anything back.

16.) END MONTAGE -- EXT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER – DAY

Finally the Pony Tones are asked to sing at the Cakes' unveiling of their new cupcake at Sugar Cube Corner. Fluttershy eagerly agrees (nodding her head so she doesn't have to speak). Big Mac pulls Fluttershy aside and tells her that his voice is healed and so he can sing his part for this show. And she can finally take the Poison Joke cure and sound like herself again! Fluttershy is crushed. She didn't know that the last time she sang was going to really be her LAST time! She asks Big Mac to lip sync for her one more time and then he can take over again in the Pony Tones. Seeing how much this means to her, Big Mac agrees.

17.) INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – THAT NIGHT

The Pony Tones are performing at the Sugar Cube Corner and Fluttershy is rocking out behind the curtain more than ever. Her eyes are closed as she's really getting into it, going wild. But as she does, she kicks a sandbag which releases the rope that lifts the

curtain revealing that it's Fluttershy—NOT Big Mac—that's been singing his part all along!

ACT III

18.) INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – CONTINUOUS

With her eyes still closed as she belts out a final note, Fluttershy is unaware that the curtain has gone up, revealing her singing! The crowd sits in a stunned silence. Fluttershy opens her eyes and sees the audience staring at her. They just saw her singing! This is her biggest fear realized!

Suddenly the crowd breaks their silence and begins cheering for Fluttershy. This is just too much for her! Fluttershy runs away, completely mortified. Her friends don't know quite what is going on, but Applejack knows exactly who to ask. Cornering her big brother, Applejack tells Big Mac he has some 'splaining to do!

19.) EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE – A LITTLE LATER

Having gotten their answers, the friends arrive at Fluttershy's, determined to tell her how amazing she was.

20.) INT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE – CONTINUOUS

Entering her house, the friends see that Fluttershy has bathed in the Poison Joke Antidote. Sounding like her old self again, Fluttershy vows to never sing in front of pony folks again. Being on stage in front with everypony looking at her was just so frightening! Her friends ask what was so frightening? The screaming fans? The thunderous applause? The praise for her totally awesome Flutterguy singing?

Fluttershy admits that all of that was wonderful. And best of all, she was able to lose herself in singing. So her friends ask her again, "Why are you never going to sing in public again?"

21.) EXT. STAGE – DAY

Cut to Fluttershy with Big Mac and the Pony Tones on stage. The spotlight hits Fluttershy and she belts out in her own beautiful voice. When they finish, the audience whoops and applauds. But it's hardly the loud whooping and thunderous applause of the other Pony Tones' audiences. Reveal that it's really only Fluttershy's friends making up the crowd sitting in front of a little stage in front of Fluttershy's house.

Her friends are really proud of her and ask if she wants to perform for a bigger crowd next time. Fluttershy declines, saying that this was a big enough audience for now. After all, performing in front of others is going to take baby steps.

THE END.