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MY LITTLE PONY IV
"Flutterfear"
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Fluttershy has an amazing singing voice and loves to sing. But she only feels comfortable doing so in the shower where she doesn't have to worry about being overheard by anypony. She's much too afraid to ever sing in front of others. But one day, when she steps out of her house, she discovers that all her friends have heard her in the shower and are hugely impressed by Fluttershy's voice. When they suggest that she sing in public, Fluttershy scurries away not wanting to discuss it anymore.

In Ponyville, Fluttershy leads a new a capella group, the Pony Tones, as their musical director (but not singing herself, of course). She realizes that the group needs a deep rich voice to round out the sound. But where could she find somepony with that kind of voice before their first big performance? Suddenly it dawns on her...Big Mac! Fluttershy asks him fully expecting a "Nope." But surprisingly, she gets a "Eeyup!"

With Big Mac's voice, the Pony Tones sound perfect! But the morning of the show, Big Mac shows up at Fluttershy's with terrible laryngitis! Fluttershy takes him to Zecora, and while she can cure him, it won't be in time for the show. Fluttershy doesn't know what to do. The show can't be postponed and the other members of the Pony Tones are really looking forward to performing. Zecora comments that the only other voice that matches Big Mac's is when Fluttershy was infected with Poison Joke. That's it! If Fluttershy steps in the Poison Joke, she'll have her deep "Flutterguy" voice like Big Mac. But she couldn't be on stage singing in public! But maybe, just maybe, she could sing from behind the curtain while Big Mac lip syncs on stage!

With a packed house, the song begins and Big Mac moves his mouth as Fluttershy sings as Flutterguy from behind the curtain. Safely hidden, Fluttershy freely sings like she does in the shower. And singing, even if it is in a deep voice, makes her happy! The crowd goes wild! The Pony Tones are soon the toast of Ponyville and are asked to perform again and again. Behind the safety of the curtain and with Big Mac as her front man, Fluttershy is finally able to be the singer she's only dreamed of being. Big Mac suggests that Fluttershy step out on stage, as it is clear to him that she really enjoys performing, but she just can't bring herself to do it.

One night, the Pony Tones are performing and Fluttershy is rocking out behind the curtain more than ever. Her eyes are closed as she's really 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 all along! The crowd is silent. Realizing that something is wrong, Fluttershy opens her eyes. Suddenly the audience cheers and she runs away, completely mortified. They all saw her... singing! When her friends track Fluttershy down, she's bathed in the Poison Joke Antidote and vows to **never sing again**. It was simply too humiliating! The friends ask what was so humiliating? The screaming fans? The thunderous applause?

Fluttershy says yes, all of that. She was just so wrapped up in the music. She lost herself. It was so...amazing! So her friends ask once more...Why is she never going to sing again when it clearly brings her and the rest of Ponyville so much joy? Fluttershy realizes that she's been letting her fears get in the way of her not only doing something she loves but sharing a talent that her friends enjoy as well. In the end, Fluttershy appears onstage with the Pony Tones, and with nothing to hide behind and, in her own beautiful voice, SINGS!