(KALA)

SOMEONE IS CALLING FOR ME

(gazes in the direction of the Apes)

TWO WORLDS, ONE FAMILY

(enters tree house and opens trunk)

TRUST MY HEART

LET FATE DECIDE

TO GUIDE THIS LIFE I SEE

(A music box plays. Kala lifts and holds the cooing and laughing human baby. Hearing something, Kala returns the baby to the trunk. The leopard enters and pounces. Kala roars and strikes out, scaring the leopard away. Kala retrieves the baby.)

KALA, ENSEMBLE

WITH EVERY ENDING COMES A NEW BEGINNING

TWO WORLDS, ONE FAMILY

TRUST YOUR HEART

LET FATE DECIDE

TO GUIDE THE LIFE

TO GUIDE THIS LIFE WE SEE

(Kala descends from the tree house with the human baby and travels to the ape nesting grounds, where other Apes gather.)

ENSEMBLE

PUT YOUR FAITH IN WHAT YOU MOST BELIEVE IN

KALA, ENSEMBLE

TWO WORLDS, ONE FAMILY

SCENE ONE: APE NESTING GROUNDS

(Apes sniff then reject the human baby. Kerchak enters.)

Start Here

KERCHAK

Kala? Are you all right?

KALA

I'm fine...

(looking at the baby)

... now.

(Kerchak moves to embrace Kala, then sees the baby and pulls away.)

I'm going to call him "Tarzan."

KERCHAK

Don't give it a name!

KALA

If you don't want us, we'll go.

KERCHAK

No! You were missing for so long. I thought...

(embraces her)

Where did you find that thing?

KALA

Over the mountain, beyond the river.

KERCHAK

Was it alone?

KALA

There are no others. The leopard took his family.

KERCHAK

All of them?

KALA

Yes.

KERCHAK

You could've been killed!

KALA

But we fought that ol' cat off—together.

(cooing maternally)

And he'll never hurt us again, right, little one?

KERCHAK

(after a pause)

At least you're home safe.

(to Apes)

We'll nest here for the night!

(While Apes make nests, Kerchak takes Kala aside.)

You can't keep it.

KALA

He has no one, and our child is... gone.

KERC: \K

I know. And I'll never forgive myself. But you don't know the danger you're bringing into our family.

KALA

Is he really so scary? Look at that face.

KERCHAK

That thing will never take the place of our son.

(pause)

Make things easier on yourself and let it go - now.

KALA

I'm keeping him, Kerchak.

KERCHAK

Get rid of it! It doesn't belong with us.

(The baby starts to cry.)

KALA

Just leave him be. We'll be fine. I'll raise him. You won't even know he's here. (Kala moves away from Kerchak to comfort the baby. Kerchak notices other Apes staring at the strange creature.)

KERCHAK

It's what she needs for now, but it won't live for long.



#3 – You'll Be In My Heart,

Kala, Apes

(The Apes settle in for the night. The ape mothers and fathers easily get their babies to sleep. But baby Tarzan continues to cry.)

KALA

COME STOP YOUR CRYING
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT
JUST TAKE MY HAND
HOLD IT TIGHT

(The baby's cries start to subside. Kerchak wortches Kala with the child.)

I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM ALL AROUND YOU

I WILL BE HERE

DON'T YOU CRY

FOR ONE SO SMALL, YOU SEEM SO STRONG

MY ARMS WILL HOLD YOU

KEEP YOU SAFE AND WARM

THIS BOND BETWEEN US CAN'T BE BROKEN

I WILL BE HERE