

## “Harvey” by Mary Chase

### Women’s Audition Monologue

VETA: (*Impatient*) Doctor- do I have to keep repeating myself? My brother insists that his closest friend is this big white rabbit. This rabbit is named Harvey. Harvey lives at our house. Don’t you understand? He and Elwood go every place together. Elwood buys railroad tickets, theater tickets, for both of them. As I told Myrtle Mae- if your uncle was so lonesome he had to bring something home- why couldn’t he bring home something human? He has me, doesn’t he? He has Myrtle Mae, doesn’t he?

Doctor - I’m going to tell you something I’ve never told anybody in the world before. Every once in awhile I see that big white rabbit myself. Now isn’t that terrible? I’ve never even told that to Myrtle Mae.

### Men's Audition Monologue

ELWOOD: Harvey and I sit in the bars and we have a drink or two and play the jukebox. Soon the faces of other people turn toward mine and smile. They are saying: “We don’t know your name, Mister, but you’re a lovely fellow.” Harvey and I warm ourselves in all these golden moments. We have entered as strangers- soon we have friends. They come over. They sit with us. They drink with us. They talk to us. They tell about the big terrible things they have done. The big wonderful things they *will* do. Their hopes, their regrets, their loves, their hates. All very large because nobody ever brings anything small into a bar. Then I introduce them to Harvey. And he is bigger and grander than anything they offer me. When they leave, they leave impressed. The same people seldom come back- but that’s envy, my dear. There’s a little bit of envy in the best of us - too bad, isn’t it?