

QUASIMODO

I will tell him that the princess in the tower commands it.

ESMERALDA

I cannot believe so many weeks have passed here. It is a new life for me.

QUASIMODO

And for me as well. Other than Father Frollo, I have not spoken with anyone in longer than I can remember. And he never sang anything but liturgies.

ESMERALDA

Shall I sing to you now?

QUASIMODO

There is little I desire more.

ESMERALDA

(Moving close to his ear so he can hear)

Night and day, months and years,
I wait for you, my love.
I can't see the sun shining through all my tears
And I can't hear your songs.

Ai nee, ai nee-nee...Ai nee, ai nee-nee,
And I won't hear your songs.

QUASIMODO

I can almost hear your voice. And I know that song from the shape of your lips!

ESMERALDA

How can that be?

QUASIMODO

I remember it...from when I was a child.

ESMERALDA

Will you sing it with me?

QUASIMODO

I can almost feel it...the vibrations of harmony in my head.

ESMERALDA

You begin,...I will match you.

QUASIMODO *(Tentatively.)*

Night and day, months and years,

ESMERALDA

I wait for you, my love,

QUASIMODO

ESMERALDA

(in harmony, QUASIMODO on melody, ESMERALDA on harmony)

I can't see the sun shining through all my tears
And I can't hear your songs.

Ai nee, ai nee-nee...Ai nee, ai nee-nee,
And I won't hear your songs.

QUASIMODO

I cannot hear your songs. But they bring me joy.

ESMERALDA

My dear friend, I would with all my heart that you could hear me
sing with you just once!

QUASIMODO

I know your world is small here, but it is not so bad, is it? You
can see all of Paris from here.

ESMERALDA

It is beautiful. I love the sun sparkling off the water when it
rises and off the spires as it sets. I watch the people in the
square and imagine their lives rushing along. Look, there are some
of the Court of Miracles on escapades, and there is a wedding party
dancing, and there are the King's Archers...

QUASIMODO

What is it?

ESMERALDA

I see him. Phoebus...He lives. Captain Phoebus, the man who
rescued me from--

QUASIMODO

I am sorry.

ESMERALDA

No, I am sorry, it was not you, but I- (*shouting down*) Phoebus!
Phoebus!! Quasimodo, do you love me? Am I your sister and best
loved in your secretest heart?

QUASIMODO

I do love you. You are...my sister.

ESMERALDA

Please, find that man, Captain Phoebus. Bring him to me. Tell him
... Tell him -

QUASIMODO

SISTER GUDULE
LIEUTENANT

The stones rained down

FROLLO

Captain! Captain Phoebus!

GRINGOIRE

He took the cauldrons of molten lead used to repair his beloved bells and poured down death from the towers of Notre Dame.

FROLLO

Flee from this place. She is gone!

SISTER GUDULE

She had brought out the gentle nature in him

GRINGOIRE

The mob

LIEUTENANT

The soldiers

SISTER GUDULE

GRINGOIRE

LIEUTENANT

The riot

FROLLO

The Queen's Bridge. Go!

GRINGOIRE

Brought out once more the beast.

QUASIMODO

Esmeralda!

GERARD

At last he became the demon they had called him.

FROLLO

Find her! Kill her! Do your duty!

GRINGOIRE

And all the while,

QUASIMODO

The bells rang.

Bring the volume back up until the lights go out.

ALL

This is all we know.

ESMERALDA

What a grand thing to be loved.

QUASIMODO

What a grander thing still, to love!

COPPENOLE

Two years later soldiers entered the cell where Esmeralda's bones lay.

JEHAN

The found the skeleton of a woman

ESMERALDA

A little bag still around her neck.

SCARLET

The found the skeleton of a man

CLOPIN

His back crooked

LADY DE GONDELAURIER

His neck twisted

VIOLET

His arms around the woman.

COPPENOLE

The soldiers tried to pull the bodies apart.

GERARD

The skeleton of the man

QUASIMODO

Gone.

MADAME CLOPIN

The miracle

ALL

Gone.

QUASIMODO

Everything I ever loved.

GRINGOIRE

Fell to dust.

QUASIMODO

Gone.

ALL (whispered)

Gone.

Blackout. End.