

Webber Andrew Lloyd**"Down once more/track down this murderer"**

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PHANTOM

Down once more
to the dungeon
of my black despair!
Down we plunge
to the prison
of my mind!
Down that path
into darkness
deep as hell!

Why, you ask,
was I bound and chained
in this cold and dismal place?
Not for any
mortal sin, but the
wickedness of
my abhorrent face!

MOB

Track down this murderer!
He must be found!

PHANTOM

Hounded out by
everyone!
Met with hatred
everywhere!
No kind word from
anyone!
No compassion
anywhere!

Christine, Christine . . .
Why, why . . .?

GIRY

Your hand at the level of your eyes!

RAOUL

. . . at the level of your eyes . . .

MOB

Your hand at the level of your eyes!

MOB

Track down this
murderer -
He must be found!
Hunt out this
animal,
who runs to ground!
Too long he's
preyed on us -
but now we know:
the Phantom of the Opera
is there
deep down below . . .

He's here: the Phantom of the Opera . . .

CHRISTINE

Have you gorged yourself
at last, in your
lust for blood?
Am I now to be
prey to your
lust for flesh?

PHANTOM (Coldly)

That fate, which
condemns me
to wallow in blood
has also
denied me
the joys of the flesh . . .
this face -
the infection
which poisons our love . . .

This face,
which earned
a mother's fear
and loathing . . .
A mask,
my first
unfeeling scrap
of clothing . . .

Pity comes
too late -
turn around

and face your fate:
an eternity of this
before your eyes!

CHRISTINE

This haunted face
holds no horror
for me now . . .
It's in your soul
that the true
distortion lies . . .

PHANTOM

Wait! I think, my dear,
we have a guest!
Sir, this is indeed
an unparalleled delight!
I had rather hoped
that you would come.
And now my wish comes true -
you have truly made my night!

RAOUL

Free her!
Do what you like
only free her!
Have you no pity?

PHANTOM (to CHRISTINE, dryly)

Your lover makes
a passionate plea!

CHRISTINE

Please, Raoul, it's useless . . .

RAOUL

I love her!
Does that mean nothing?
I love her!
Show some compassion . . .

PHANTOM (snarls furiously at RAOUL)

The world showed no
compassion to me!

RAOUL

Christine . . .
Christine . . .

(to PHANTOM)

Let me see her . . .

PHANTOM (drily)
Be my guest, sir . .

Monsieur, I
bid you welcome!
Did you think that
I would harm her?
Why should I make
her pay
for the sins which
are yours?

Order your fine horses now!
Raise up your hand to the level of your eyes!
Nothing can save you now -
except perhaps Christine . . .

Start a new life with me -
Buy his freedom with your love!
Refuse me, and you send your lover to his
death!
This is the choice -
This is the point of no return!

CHRISTINE (to the PHANTOM)
The tears I might have shed
for your dark fate
grow cold, and turn to tears
of hate . . .

RAOUL
Christine, forgive
me please forgive me . . .
I did it all
for you, and all for
nothing . . .

CHRISTINE
Farewell
my fallen idol
and false friend . . .
One by one
I've watched
illusions shattered . . .

PHANTOM
Past all hope
of cries for help:
no point in fighting -

RAOUL
Either way
you choose,
he has to win . . .

PHANTOM
For either way
you choose,
you cannot win!

So, do you end
your days with me,
or do you send
him to his grave?

RAOUL (to PHANTOM)
Why make her lie
to you, to save
me?

CHRISTINE
Angel of Music . . .

PHANTOM
Past the point
of no return -

RAOUL
For pity's sake,
Christine, say no!

CHRISTINE
. . . why this torment?

PHANTOM
. . . the final threshold . . .

RAOUL
Don't throw your life
away for my sake . . .

CHRISTINE
When will you see
reason . . .?

PHANTOM
His life is now the prize
which you must earn!

RAOUL

I fought so hard
to free you . . .

CHRISTINE
Angel of Music . . .

PHANTOM
You've passed the point
of no return . . .

CHRISTINE
. . . you deceived me -
I gave my mind
blindly . . .

PHANTOM (to CHRISTINE)
You try my patience -
make your choice!

CHRISTINE
Pitiful creature
of darkness . . .
What kind of life
have you known . . .?

God give me courage
to show you
you are not
alone . . .

MOB
Some:
Track down this
murderer -
he must be found!
Hunt out this
animal,
who runs to ground!

Too long he's
preyed on us -
but now we know:
the Phantom of the Opera
is there
deep down below . .

Others:
Who is this monster,
this murdering beast?
Revenge for Piangi!
Revenge for Buquet!

This creature
must never go free . . .

PHANTOM

Take her - forget me - forget all of this . . .
Leave me alone - forget all you've seen . . .
Go now - don't let them find you!
Take the boat - leave me here - go now,
don't wait . . .
Just take her and go - before it's too late . . .
Go . . .
Go now - go now and leave me!

Masquerade . . .
Paper faces on parade . . .
Masquerade . . .
Hide your face
so the world will
never find you . . .

Christine I love you....

CHRISTINE (to Raoul)
Say you'll share with
me, one
love, one lifetime . . .
say the word
and I will follow you . .

RAOUL
Share each day with me . . .

CHRISTINE
. . . each night . . .

BOTH
. . . each morning . . .

PHANTOM
You alone
can make my song take flight -
it's over now, the music of the night . . .

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