

## **Sondeim Stephen**

### **"I Know Things Now"**

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Little Red Riding Hood

Mother said,

"Straight ahead,"

Not to delay

Or be misled.

I should have heeded her advice...

But he seemed so nice.

And he showed me things,

many beautiful things,

That I hadn't thought to explore.

They were off my path,

So I never had dared.

I had been so careful

I never had cared.

And he made me feel excited-

Well, excited and scared.

When he said, "Come in!"

With that sickening grin,

How could I know what was in store?

Once his teeth were bared,

Though, I really for scared-

Well, excited and scared-  
But he drew me close  
And he swallowed me down,  
down a dark slimy path  
Where lie secrets that I never want to know,  
And when everything familiar  
Seemed to disappear forever,  
At the end of the path  
Was Granny once again.  
So we wait in the dark  
Until someone sets us free,  
And we're brought into the light,  
And we're back at the the start.  
And i know things now,  
Many valuable things.  
That I hadn't known before.  
Do not put your faith in a cape and a hood,  
They will not protect you  
The way that they should.  
And take extra care with strangers,  
Even flowers have their dangers.  
And though scary is exciting,  
Nice is different than good.  
Now i know:  
don't be scared.

Granny is right,  
Just be prepared.  
Isn't it nice to know a lot!  
And a little bit not

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