

## Andrew Lloyd Webber "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  
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

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

The world showed no  
compassion to me!

RAOUL

Christine...  
Christine...

Let me see her...

PHANTOM

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 your choice -  
This is the point of no return!  
CHRISTINE

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...

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\*PHANTOM  
\*Too late for  
\*turning back,  
\*too late for  
\*prayers and  
\*useless pity...

\*RAOUL  
\*Say you love him,  
\*and my  
\*life is over!

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\*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

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

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 facer on parade...

Masquerade...

Hide your face,

so the world will

never find you...

Christine, I love you...

CHRISTINE

Say you'll share with

me, one  
love, one lifetime...  
say the world  
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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