

## **Claude-Michel Schonberg**

### **"In My Life"**

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COSETTE

How strange  
This feeling that my life's begun at last  
This change,  
Can people really fall in love so fast?  
What's the matter with you, Cosette?  
Have you been too much on your own?  
So many things unclear  
So many things unknown.

In my life  
There are so many questions and answers  
That somehow seem wrong  
In my life  
There are times when I catch in the silence  
The sigh of a faraway song  
And it sings  
Of a world that I long to see  
Out of reach  
Just a whisper away  
Waiting for me.

Does he know I'm alive?  
Do I know if he's real?  
Does he see what I saw?  
Does he feel what I feel?

In my life  
I'm no longer alone  
Now the love in my life  
Is so near  
Find me now, find me here!

VALJEAN

Dear Cosette,  
You're such a lonely child  
How pensive, how sad you seem to me  
Believe me, were it within my power  
I'd fill each passing hour  
How quiet it must be, I can see  
With only me for company.

COSETTE

There's so little I know  
That I'm longing to know  
Of the child that I was  
In a time long ago...  
There's so little you say  
Of the life you have known  
Why you keep to yourself  
Why we're always alone  
So dark! So dark and deep...  
The secrets that you keep!

In my life  
I have all that I want  
You are loving and gentle and good  
But Papa, dear Papa,  
In your eyes I am just like a child  
Who is lost in a wood

VALJEAN

No more words  
No more words. It's a time that is dead  
There are words  
That are better unheard,  
Better unsaid.

COSETTE

In my life  
I'm no longer a child and I yearn  
For the truth that you know  
Of the years... years ago!

VALJEAN

You will learn  
Truth is given by God  
To us all in our time  
In our turn

(Valjean leaves the garden. Marius and Eponine arrive outside)

MARIUS

In my life  
She has burst like the music of angels  
The light of the sun  
And my life seems to stop  
As if something is over  
And something has scarcely begun.  
Eponine  
You're the friend who has brought me here  
Thanks to you I am one with the gods

And Heaven is near!  
And I soar through a world that is new that is free

EPONINE(to herself)  
Every word that he says is a dagger in me!  
In my life  
There's been no one like him anywhere  
Anywhere, where he is...  
If he asked... I'd be his

MARIUS & EPONINE  
In my life  
There is someone who touches my life

MARIUS  
Waiting near

EPONINE  
Waiting here

A Heart Full of Love

(Marius goes into the garden, leaving Eponine outside the gate)

MARIUS  
A heart full of love  
A heart full of song  
I'm doing everything all wrong  
Oh God, for shame  
I do not even know your name  
Dear Mad'moiselle  
Won't you say?  
Will you tell?

COSETTE  
A heart full of love  
No fear, no regret

M, ARIUS  
My name is Marius Pontmercy

COSETTE  
And mine's Cosette

MARIUS  
Cosette, I don't know what to say

COSETTE  
Then make no sound

MARIUS  
I am lost

COSETTE  
I am found!

MARIUS  
A heart full of light

COSETTE  
A night bright as day

MARIUS  
And you must never go away  
Cosette, Cosette

COSETTE  
This is a chain we'll never break

MARIUS  
Do I dream?

COSETTE  
I'm awake!

MARIUS  
A heart full of love

COSETTE  
A heart full of you

MARIUS  
A single look and then I knew

COSETTE  
I knew it too

MARIUS  
From today

COSETTE  
Every day

COSETTE & MARIUS  
For it isn't a dream  
Not a dream after all.

EPONINE(Interjecting)  
He was never mine to lose  
Why regret what cannot be?  
These are words he'll never say

Not to me...  
Not to me...  
Not to me...

His heart full of love  
He will never feel this way...

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