

## **Claude-Michel Schonberg**

### **"The Robbery"**

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THENARDIER

Everyone here, you know your place  
Brujon, Babet, Claquesous  
You, Montparnasse, watch for the law  
With Eponine take care  
You turn on the tears  
No mistakes, my dears

MME. THENARDIER

These bloody students on our street  
Here they come slumming once again  
Our Eponine would kiss their feet  
She never had a scrap of brain

MARIUS

Hey, Eponine, what's up today?  
I haven't seen you much about.  
Eponine: Here you can always catch me in.  
Marius: Mind the police don't catch you out!

EPONINE

'Ere, wotcher do with all them books?  
I could have been a student too!  
Don't judge a girl on how she looks.  
I know a lot of things, I do!

MARIUS

Poor Eponine, the things you know  
You wouldn't find in books like these.

EPONINE

I like the way you grow your hair

MARIUS

I like the way you always tease

EPONINE

Little he knows!  
Little he sees!

(Valjean arrives with Cosette, now grown up)

MME. THENARDIER

Here's the old boy. Stay on the job and watch out for the law.

EPONINE(to Marius)

Stay out of this.

MARIUS

But Eponine...

EPONINE

You'll be in trouble here  
It's not your concern  
You'll be in the clear

(She pushes Marius away)

MARIUS

Who is that man?

EPONINE

Leave me alone!

MARIUS

Why is he here? Hey, Eponine!

(He tries to follow her, and bumps into Cosette)

I didn't see you there, forgive me.

THENARDIER

Please m'sieur, come this way  
Here's a child that ain't eaten today.  
Save a life, spare a sou  
God rewards all the good that you do.  
Wait a bit. Know that face.  
Ain't the world a remarkable place?  
Men like me don't forget  
You're the bastard who borrowed Cosette!

(Thenardier grabs Valjean and rips open his shirt, revealing the number on his chest)

VALJEAN

What is this? Are you mad?  
No, Monsieur, you don't know what you do!

THENARDIER

You know me, you know me.  
I'm a con, just like you.

EPONINE

It's the police! Disappear!

Run for it! It's Javert!

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