

Les Miserables

"Upon These Stones - Building The Barricade"

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[Enjolras is addressing the revolutionaries.]

Enjolras

Here upon these stones

We will build our barricade

In the heart of the city

We claim as our own!

Each man to his duty

And don't be afraid.

Wait! I will need a report

On the strength of the foe.

Javert [disguised as a rebel]

I can find out the truth

I know their ways

Fought their wars

Served my time

In the days

Of my youth!

Various Students

Now the people will fight

And so they might

Dogs will back

Fleas will bite.

They will do what is right

[Marius spots Eponine, who is dressed as a boy.]

Marius

Hey little boy, what's this I see?

God Eponine, the things you do!

Eponine

I know this is no place for me

Still I would rather be with you.

Marius

Get out before the trouble starts

Get out, 'Ponine, you might get shot

Eponine

I got you worried, now I have

That shows you like me quite a lot

Marius

There is a way that you can help

You are the answer to a prayer

Please take this letter to Cosette

And pray to God that she's still there!

[She walks to the Rue Plumet...]
Eponine
Little you know...
Little you care!
[...where she meets Valjean.]
I have a letter M'sieur
It's addressed to your daughter Cosette
It's from a boy at the barricade, Sir
In the Rue de Villette.
Valjean
Give me that letter here, my boy
Eponine
He said to give it to Cosette
Valjean
You have my word that my daughter will know
What this letter contains.
[He gives her a coin.]
Tell the young man she will read it tomorrow
And here's for your pains
Go careful now, stay out of sight
There's danger in the streets tonight.
[He opens the letter... and reads it.]
"Dearest Cosette, you have entered my soul
And soon you will be gone.
Can it be only a day since we met
And the world was reborn?
If I should fall in the battle to come
Let this be my goodbye
Now that I know you love me as well
It is harder to die...
I pray that god will bring me home
To be with you.
Pray for your Marius, he prays for you!"
[Valjean goes in, leaving Eponine alone.]

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