Les Miserables "Who Am I?"

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He thinks that man is me! He knew him at a glance! That stranger he has found This man could be my chance Why should I save his hide Why should I right this wrong When I have come so far And struggled for so long? If I speak, I am condemned If I stay silent, I am damned! I am the master of hundreds of workers They all look to me How can I abandon them, how can they live If I am not free? If I speak, I am condemned If I stay silent, I am damned!

Who am I?
Can I condemn this man to slavery
Pretend I do not see his agony
This innocent who bears my face
Who goes to judgement in my place
Who am I?
Can I conceal myself for evermore?
Pretend I'm not the man I was before?
And must my name until I die

Be no more than an alibi?
Must I lie?
How can I ever face my fellow man?
How can I ever face myself again?
My soul belongs to God, I know
I made that bargain long ago
He gave me hope, when hope was gone
He gave me strength to journey on

[He steps in front of the court]

Who am I? Who am I? I am Jean Valjean! [He unbuttons his shirt to reveal the number tattooed to his chest.]

And so Javert, you see it's true, That man bears no more guilt than you! Who am I? 24601!

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