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"Plumet Attack"

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EPONINE

'Parnasse, what are you doing
So far out of our patch?

MONTPARNASSE

This house, we're going to do it
Rich man, plenty of scratch
You remember he's the one
Who got away the other day
Got a number on his chest
Perhaps a fortune put away!

EPONINE

Oh Lord, somebody help me!
Dear God, what'll I do?
He'll think this is an ambush
He'll think I'm in it too!

What'll I do, what'll I say?
I've got to warn them here
I've got to find a way.

(Thenardier arrives with the rest of his gang)

THENARDIER

This is his lair
I've seen the old fox around
He keeps himself to himself
He's staying close to the ground
I smell profit here!

Ten years ago
He came and paid for Cosette
I let her go for a song
It's time we settled the debt
This'll cost him dear

BRUJON

What do I care
Who you should rob?
Gimme me my share
Finish the job!

THENARDIER
You shut your mouth
Give me your hand

BRUJON
(Catching sight of Eponine)
What have we here?

THENARDIER
(Not recognizing her)
Who is this hussy?

BABET
It's your brat Eponine
Don't you know your own kid
Why's she hanging about you?

THENARDIER
Eponine, get on home
You're not needed in this
We're enough here without you

EPONINE
I know this house
I tell you there's nothing here for you
Just the old man and the girl
They live ordinary lives

THENARDIER
Don't interfere
You've got some gall
Take care, young miss,
You've got a lot to say!

BRUJON
She's going soft

CLAQUESOUS
Happens to all

MONTARNASSE
Go home, 'Ponine,
Go home, you're in the way

EPONINE
I'm gonna scream, I'm gonna warn them here.

THENARDIER
One little scream and you'll regret it for a year.

CLAQUESOUS

What a palaver

What an absolute treat

To watch a cat and it's father

Pick a bone in the street

BRUJON

Not a sound out of you!

EPONINE

Well I told you I'd do it, told you I'd do it...

(She screams)

THENARDIER

You wait my girl, you'll rue this night

I'll make you scream, you'll scream all right

Leave her to me, don't wait around

Make for the sewers, go underground!

(The gang scatters. Marius and Cosette run back into the garden

And he hurriedly introduces Eponine before she takes off)

MARIUS

It was your cry sent them away

Once more 'Ponine saving the day

Dearest Cosette - my friend 'Ponine

Brought me to you, showed me the way!

Someone is near

Let's not be seen

Somebody's here!

(Marius leaves quickly as Valjean enters)

VALJEAN

My God, Cosette!

I heard a cry in the dark

I heard the shout of angry voices in the street.

COSETTE

That was my cry you heard, Papa,

I was afraid of what they'd do.

They ran away when they heard my cry.

VALJEAN

Cosette, my child, what will become of you?

COSETTE

Three men I saw beyond the wall

Three men in shadow moving fast

JAVERT

This is a warning to us all
These are the shadows of the past

Must be Javert!
He's found my cover at last!
I've got to get Cosette away
Before they return!

We must get away from shadows
They will never let us be
Tomorrow to Calais...
And then a ship across the sea!

Hurry, Cosette, prepare to leave and say no more,
Tomorrow we'll away!
Hurry, Cosette, it's time to close another door
And live another day!

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