

## Alain Boublil "The First Attack"

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(Enjolras gives Valjean a gun.)

Enjolras  
Take this and use it well!  
But if you shoot us in the back,  
You'll never live to tell.

Random Voices  
Platoon of sappers advancing toward the barricade!  
Troops behind them, fifty men or more!

Enjolras  
FIRE!

(Gunfire is heard.)

Feuilly  
Sniper!

(Valjean shoots a sniper who is aiming at Enjolras.)

Lesgles  
See how they run away!

Grantaire  
By God we've won the day!

Enjolras  
They will be back again,  
Make an attack again.

(To Valjean.)

For your presence of mind  
For the deed you have done  
I will thank you M'sieur  
When our battle is won.

Valjean  
Give me no thanks M'sieur  
There is something that you can do.

Enjolras  
If it is in my power...

Valjean  
Give me the spy Javert  
Let me take care of him

Javert  
The law is inside out  
The world is upside down

Enjolras  
Do what you have to do,  
The man belongs to you.

The enemy may be regrouping. Hold yourself in  
readiness.  
Come my friends, back to your positions.  
The night is falling fast...

(Valjean has taken Javert away.)

Valjean  
We meet again.

Javert  
You've hungered for this all your life;  
Take your revenge!  
How right you should kill with a knife!

(Valjean cuts the ropes which bind Javert.)

Valjean  
You talk too much,  
Your life is safe in my hands.

Javert  
I don't understand

Valjean  
Get out of here.

Javert  
Valjean, take care,  
I'm warning you...

Valjean  
Clear out of here.

Javert  
Once a thief, forever a thief

What you want you always steal!  
You would trade your life for mine.  
Yes, Valjean, you want a deal.  
Shoot me now for all I care!  
If you let me go beware.  
You'll still answer to Javert!

Valjean  
You are wrong, and always have been wrong.  
I'm a man, no worse than any man.  
You are free, and there are no conditions,  
No bargains or petitions.  
There's nothing that I blame you for.  
You've done your duty, nothing more.  
If I come out of this alive, you'll find me  
At number fifty-five Rue Plumet  
No doubt our paths will cross again.

(Valjean fires his gun into the air, Javert leaves quickly.  
Muted applause from the students who think Javert has  
been shot.)

Enjolras  
Courfeyrac, you take the watch  
They won't attack until it's light  
Everybody stay awake  
We must be ready for the fight  
For the final fight  
Let no one sleep tonight!

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