

## Alain Boublil "Who Am I?"

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[VALJEAN]

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 would 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 feel 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 men?  
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 appears 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?

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