

Stephen Sondheim

"No More"

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BAKER

No more questions,

Please.

No more tests.

Comes the day you say, "What for?"

Please- no more.

MYSTERIOUS MAN

They disappoint,

They disappear,

They die but they don't...

BAKER

What?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

They disappoint

In turn, I fear.

Forgive, though, they won't...

BAKER

No more riddles.

No more jests.

No more curses you can't undo,

Left by fathers you never knew.

No more quests.

No more feelings.

Time to shut the door.

Just- no more.

MYSTERIOUS MAN

Running away- let's do it,

Free from the ties that bind.

No more despair

Or burdens to bear

Out there in the yonder.

Running away- go to it.

Where did you have in mind?

Have to take care:

Unless there's a "where,"

You'll only be wandering blind.

Just more questions.

Different kind.

Where are we to go?

Where are we ever to go?

Running away- we'll do it.

Why sit around, resigned?

Trouble is, son,
The farther you run,
The more you feel undefined
For what you've left undone
And, nore, what you've left behind.

We disappoint,
We leave a mess,
We die but we don't...

BAKER

We disappoint
In turn, I guess.
Forget, though, we won't...

BOTH

Like father, like son.

BAKER

No more giants
Waging war.
Can't we just pursue our lives
With out children and our wives?
'Till that happy day arrives,
How do you ignore
All the witches,
All the curses,
All the wolves, all the lies,
The false hopes, the goodbyes,
The reverses,
All the wondering what even worse is
Still in store?
All the children...
All the giants...
No more.

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