

Sweeney Todd

"Not While I'm Around (feat. Neil Patrick Harris and Patti)"

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Tobias:

(Coming closer, hovering, very earnest)

[Spoken]

You know, mum, there's nothing I wouldn't do for you. It
there was
a monster, or an ogre, or anything bad like that wot
was after you,
I'd rip it apart. With my bare fists, I would.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

What a sweet child it is.

Tobias: [Spoken]

Or even if it was just a man...

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

(Somewhat uneasy)

A man, dear?

Tobias: [Spoken]

(Exaggeratedly conspirational)

A man wot was bad, wot might be luring you all
unbeknownst
into his evil deeds, like.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

(Even more wary)

What is this? What are you talking about?

Tobias:

Nothing's gonna harm you,
Not while I'm around.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

Of course not, dear, and why should it?

Tobias:

Nothing's gonna harm you,
No, sir,
Not while I'm around.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]
And what do you mean a "man"?

Tobias:
Demons are prowling
Everywhere
Nowadays.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]
(Somewhat relieved, patting his head)
And so they are, dear.

Tobias:
I'll send 'em howling,
I don't care-
I got ways.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]
Of course you do. What a sweet, affectionate child it is.

Tobias:
No one's gonna hurt you,
No one's gonna dare.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]
I know what Toby deserves...

Tobias:
Others can desert you-
Not to worry-
Whistle, I'll be there.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]
Here, have a nice bon bon.
(Starts to reach for her purse, but Tobias stays her
hand
in adoration)

Tobias:
Demons'll charm you
With a smile
For a while,
But in time,
Nothing can harm you,
Not while I'm around.
(Music continues. She looks at him uneasily)
Not to worry, not to worry,
I may not be smart, but I ain't dumb.
I can do it,
Put me to it,
Show me something I can overcome.

Not to worry, mum.

Being close and being clever
Ain't like being true,
I don't need to, I won't never
Hide a thing from you,
Like some.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

Now Toby, dear, haven't we had enough foolish
chatter? Let's
just sit nice and quiet for a bit. Here.
(She pulls out the chatelaine purse, which is now
immediately
recognizable to the audience as Pirelli's money purse,
and
starts to fumble in it for a bon bon)

Tobias: [Spoken]

(Suddenly excited, pointing)
That! That's Signor Pirellis' purse!

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

(Stalling for time)
What's that? What was that, dear?

Tobias: [Spoken]

That proves it! What I've been thinking. That's his
purse.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

(Concealing what is now almost panic)
Silly boy! That's just a little something Mr. T got me for
my birthday.

Tobias: [Spoken]

Mr. Todd gave it to you? And how did he get it? How
did he get it?

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

Bought it, dear. In the pawn shop, dear.
(To distract him, she lifts the unfinished muffler on its
needles)
Come on now.

[Sung]

Nothing's gonna harm you,
Not while I'm around!
Nothing's gonna harm you, Toby,
Not while I'm around.

Tobias: [Spoken]

You don't understand-

[Sung]

Two quid was in it,

Two or three-

[Spoken]

The guvnor giving up his purse-with two quid in it?

[Sung]

Not for a minute!

Don't you see?

[Spoken]

It was in Mr. Todd's parlor that the guvnor disappeared.

Mrs. Lovett: [Spoken]

(With a weak laugh)

Boys and their fancies! What will we think of next!

Here, dear.

Sit here by your Aunt Nellie like a good boy and look at
your

lovely muffler. How warm it's going to keep you when
the days

draw in. And it's so becoming on you.

Tobias:

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With a smile

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