

## **Miserables, Les**

### **"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.

STUDENT ONE

Platoon of sappers advancing toward the barricade!

STUDENT TWO

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 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

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

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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