

Hunchback Of Notre Dame Soundtrack

"The Bells Of Notre Dame"

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CLOPIN

Morning in Paris, the city awakes
To the bells of Notre Dame
The fisherman fishes, the bakerman bakes
To the bells of Notre Dame
To the big bells as loud as the thunder
To the little bells soft as a psalm
And some say the soul of the city's
The toll of the bells
The bells of Notre Dame

Listen, they're beautiful, no?
So many colors of sound, so many changing moods
Because you know, they don't ring all by themselves

CLOPIN AS PUPPET

They don't?

CLOPIN

No, silly boy.
Up there, high, high in the dark bell tower
lives the mysterious bell ringer.
Who is this creature

CLOPIN AS PUPPET

Who?

CLOPIN

What is he?

CLOPIN AS PUPPET

What?

CLOPIN

How did he come to be there

CLOPIN AS PUPPET

How?

Hush, and Clopin will tell you
It is a tale, a tale of a man and a monster.

Dark was the night when our tale was begun
On the docks near Notre Dame

MAN ONE
Shup it up, will you!

MAN TWO
We'll be spotted!

GYPSY
Hush, little one.

CLOPIN
Four frightened gypsies slid silently under
The docks near Notre Dame

MAN THREE
Four guilders for safe passage into Paris

CLOPIN
But a trap had been laid for the gypsies
And they gazed up in fear and alarm
At a figure whose clutches
Were iron as much as the bells

MAN FOUR
Judge Claude Frolo

CLOPIN
The bells of Notre Dame

CHORUS
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

CLOPIN
Judge Claude Frolo longed
To purge the world
Of vice and sin

CHORUS
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

CLOPIN
And he saw corruption
Ev'rywhere
Except within

FROLLO
Bring these gypsy vermin to the palace of justice

GUARD

You there, what are you hiding?

FROLLO

Stolen goods, no doubt. Take them from her

CLOPIN

She ran

CHORUS

Dies irae, dies illa (Day of wrath, that day)

Solvat saeculum in favilla (Shall consume the world in ashes)

Teste David cum sibylla (As prophesied by David and the sibyl)

Quantus tremor est futurus (What trembling is to be)

Quando Judex est venturus (When the Judge is come)

GYPSY

Sanctuary, please give us sanctuary

FROLLO

A baby? A monster!

ARCHDEACON

Stop!

CLOPIN

Cried the Archdeacon

FROLLO

This is an unholy deamon.

I'm sending it back to hell, where it belongs.

ARCHDEACON

See there the innocent blood you have spilt

On the steps of Notre Dame

FROLLO

I am guiltless. She ran, I pursued.

ARCHDEACON

Now you would add this child's blood to your guilt

On the steps of Notre Dame

FROLLO

My conscience is clear

ARCHDEACON

You can lie to yourself and your minions

You can claim that you haven't a qualm

But you never can run from

Nor hide what you've done from the eyes
The very eyes of Notre Dame

CHORUS
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

CLOPIN
And for one time in his live
Of power and control

CHORUS
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

CLOPIN
Frollo felt a twinge of fear
For his immortal soul

FROLLO
What must I do?

ARCHDEACON
Care for the child, and raise it as your own

FROLLO
What? I'd be settled with this misshapen ...?
Very well. Let him live with you, in your church.

ARCHDEACON
Live here? Where?

FROLLO
Anywhere
Just so he's kept locked away
Where no one else can see
The bell tower, perhaps
And who knows, our Lord works in mysterious ways
Even this foul creature may
Yet prove one day to be
Of use to me

CLOPIN
And Frollo gave the child a cruel name
A name that means half-formed, Quasimodo
Now here is a riddle to guess if you can
Sing the bells of Notre Dame
Who is the monster and who is the man?

CLOPIN AND CHORUS
Sing the bells, bells, bells, bells
Bells, bells, bells, bells
Bells of Notre Dame

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