

Les Misérables Audition Material

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Madame Thenardier audition pieces

Song 1-Master of the House

Welcome, M'sieur
Sit yourself down
And meet the best Innkeeper in town
As for the rest, All of 'em crooks
Roeking their guests
And cooking the books.
Seldom do you see Honest men like me
A gent of good intent
Who's content to be

Master of the house
Doling out the charm
Ready with a handshake
And an open palm
Tells a saucy tale
Makes a little stir
Customers appreciate a bon-viveur
Glad to do a friend a favor
Doesn't cost me to be nice
But nothing gets you nothing
Everything has got a little price!

Master of the house
Keeper of the zoo
Ready to relieve 'em
Of a sou or two
Watering the wine
Making up the weight
Pickin' up their knick-knacks
When they can't see straight
Everybody loves a landlord
Everybody's bosom friend
I do whatever pleases
Jesus! Won't I bleed 'em in the end!

All: Master of the house
Quick to catch yer eye
Never wants a passerby
To pass him by
Servant to the poor
Butler to the great

Comforter,
philosopher,
And lifelong mate!

Everybody's boon companion
Everybody's chaperone

Thenardier: But lock up your valises Jesus!
Won't I skin you to the bone!

Enter M'sieur
Lay down your load.
Unlace your boots
And rest from the road
This weighs a ton
Travel's a curse
But here we strive
To lighten your purse
Here the goose is cooked
Here the fat is fried
And nothing's overlooked
Till I'm satisfied...

Thenardier & Madame: Food beyond compare
Food beyond belief
Mix it in a mincer
And pretend it's beef
Kidney of a horse
Liver of a cat
Filling up the sausages
With this and that
Residents are more than welcome
Bridal suite is occupied
Reasonable charges
Plus some little extras on the side!

Charge 'em for the lice
Extra for the mice
Two percent for looking in the mirror twice
Here a little slice
There a little cut
Three percent for sleeping with the window shut.

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When it comes to fixing prices
There are a lot of tricks he knows
How it all increases
All those bits and pieces
Jesus! It's amazing how it grows!

All: Master of the house
Quick to catch yer eye
Never wants a passerby To pass him by
Servant to the poor
Butler to the great
Comforter, philosopher, And lifelong mate!
Everybody's boon companion
Gives 'em everything he's got

Thenardier: Dirty bunch of geezers Jesus!
What a sorry little lot!

Madame Thenardier: I used to dream
That I would meet a prince
But God Almighty,
Have you seen what's happened since?
'Master of the house?'
Isn't worth me spit!
'Comforter, philosopher'
- and lifelong shit!
Cunning little brain
Regular Voltaire
Thinks he's quite a lover
But there's not much there
What a cruel trick of nature
Landed me with such a louse
God knows how I've lasted
Living with this bastard in the house!

Thenardier:
Master of the house.

Madame Thenardier:
Master and a half!

Thenardier:
Comforter, philosopher

Madame Thenardier:

Ah, don't make me

laugh!

Thenardier:
Servant to the poor. Butler to the great.

Madame Thenardier:
Hypocrite and toady and inebriate!

Thenardier:
Everybody bless the landlord!!
Everybody bless his spouse!

Thenardier:
Everybody raise a glass

Madame Thenardier:
Raise it up the master's arse.

All:
Everybody raise a glass to the master of the house!

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There's some little girls who
know how to behave And they know what to wear
And I'm saying thank heaven for that.
Still there Cosette?
Your tears will do you no good!
I told you fetch some water from the well in the
wood!

Song 2-Castle on a Cloud

[YOUNG COSETTE]

There is a castle on a cloud,
I like to go there in my sleep,
Aren't any floors for me to sweep,
Not in my castle on a cloud.

(cut to)

There is a lady all in white,
Holds me and sings a lullaby,
She's nice to see and she's soft to touch,
She says "Cosette, I love you very much."
I know a place where no one's lost,
I know a place where no one cries,
Crying at all is not allowed,
Not in my castle on a cloud.

[MME. THENARDIER]

Now look who's here
The little madam herself!
Pretending once again she's been 'so awfully good,'
Better not let me catch you slacking
Better not catch my eye!
Ten rotten francs your mother sends me
What is that going to buy?
Now take that pail
My little 'Mademoiselle'
And go and draw some water from the well!

We should never have taken you in in the first place
How stupid the things that we do!
Like mother like daughter, the scum of the street.
Eponine, come my dear, Eponine, let me see you
You look very well in that new little blue hat

[YOUNG COSETTE]

Please do not send me out alone
Not in the darkness on my own!

[MME. THENARDIER]

Enough of that, or I'll forget to be nice!
You heard me ask for something,
And I never ask twice!