

Les Miserables, The Bargain

[Valjean and Young Cosette arrive at the now empty inn, hand in hand.]

Valjean

I found her wandering in the wood
This little child, I found her trembling in the shadows
And I am here to help Cosette
And I will settle any debt you may think proper
I will pay what I must pay
To take Cosette away.
There is a duty I must heed,
There is a promise I have made
For I was blind to one in need
I did not see what stood before me
Now her mother is with God
Fantine's suffering is over
And I speak here with her voice
And I stand here in her place
And from this day and evermore

Mme. Thenardier

Let me have your coat, M'sieur

Valjean

Cosette shall live in my protection

Thenardier

You are very welcome here

Valjean

I shall not forsake my vow

Thenardier

Take a glass

Mme. Thenardier

Take a chair

Valjean

Cosette shall have a father now!