

Les Miserables, The Robbery

(Thenardier assembling his gang.)

Thenardier
Everyone here, you know your place
Brujon, Babet, Claquous
You, Montparnasse, watch for the law
With Eponine, take care.
You turn on the tears
No mistakes, my dears

Mme. Thenardier
These bloody students on our street
Here they come slumming once again
Our Eponine would kiss their feet
She never had a scrap of brain

Marius
Eponine, what's up today?
I haven't seen you much about.

Eponine
Here, you can always catch me in.

Marius
Mind the police don't catch you out!

Eponine
Here, whatcher doing with all them books?
I could have been a student too!
Don't judge a girl on how she looks...
I know a lot of things I do!

Marius
Poor Eponine, the things you know
You wouldn't find in books like these.

Eponine
I like the way you grow your hair

Marius
I like the way you always tease

Eponine
Little he knows!
Little he sees!

(Valjean arrives with Cosette, now grown up.)

Mme. Thenardier
Here's the old boy. Stay on the job and watch out for
the law.

Eponine
(to Marius) Stay out of this.

Marius
But Eponine...

Eponine
You'll be in trouble here
It's not your concern
You'll be in the clear

(She pushes Marius away.)

Marius
Who is that man?

Eponine
Leave me alone!

Marius
Why is he here? Hey, Eponine!

(He begins to follow her, and bumps into Cosette.)

I didn't see you there, forgive me.

Thenardier
Please M'sieur, come this way
Here's a child that ain't eaten today.
Save a life, spare a sou
God rewards all the good that you do.
Wait a bit. Know that face.
Ain't the world a remarkable place?
Men like me don't forget
You're the bastard that borrowed Cosette!

(Thenardier grabs Valjean and rips open his shirt, revealing the number on his chest.)

Valjean
What is this? Are you mad?
No, Monsieur, you don't know what you do!

Thenardier
You know me, you know me.
I'm a con, just like you.

Eponine
It's the police! Disappear!
Run for it! It's Javert!