

# Michael Crawford, Papa, Can You Hear Me?/A P

From Yentl

It all began the day I found  
That from my window I could only see  
A piece of sky  
I stepped outside and looked around  
I never dreamed it was so wide  
Or even half as high

Papa, can you hear me?  
Papa, can you see me?  
Papa, can you find me  
In the night?

Papa, are you near me?  
Papa, can you hear me?  
Papa, can you help me  
Not be frightened?

Looking at the skies  
I seem to see a million eyes  
Which ones are yours?  
Where are you now  
That yesterday has waved goodbye  
And closed its doors?

The night is so much darker  
The wind is so much colder  
The world I see is so much bigger  
Now that I'm alone

Can you hear me praying?  
Anything I'm saying?  
Even though the night is  
Filled with voices?

I remember everything you taught me  
Every book I've ever read  
Can all the words in all the books  
Help me to face what lies ahead?

The trees are so much taller  
The night feels so much smaller  
The moon is twice as lonely  
And the stars are half as bright

Papa, how I love you  
Papa, how I need you  
Papa, how I miss you  
Kissing me good night

I felt the most amazing things  
The things you can't imagine  
If you've never flown at all  
Though it's safer to stay on the ground  
Sometimes where danger lies  
There the sweetest of pleasures are found

No matter where I go  
There'll be memories that tug at my sleeve  
But there will also be  
Mortal question, yet mortal belief

Oh, tell me where

Where is this someone who will turn to look at me  
And want to share  
My every sweet-imagined possibility

The more I live, the more I learn  
The more I learn, the more I realise  
The less I know

Each step I take  
Papa, I've a voice now!  
Each page I turn  
Papa, I've a choice now!  
Each mile I travel only means  
The more I have to go

What's wrong with wanting more?  
If you can fly, then soar!  
With all there is, why settle for  
Just a piece of sky?

Papa, I can hear you!  
Papa, I can see you!  
Papa, I can feel you!  
Papa, watch me fly!