

Before the Performance

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(Gustave)
Ooh(Christine)
Gustave, could you hand me those earrings
The diamond ones on the left?
There, how do I look?(Gustave)
You look so beautiful
So very beautiful
Like a queen in a book(Christine)
You too are beautiful
So very beautiful
Once this performance is through
We'll spend some time just us two
Won't that be fun?(Gustave)
Father, doesn't mother look lovely tonight?(Raoul)
Indeed she does
As lovely as she looked the very first time
I came to her dressing room door(Christine)
And look at you, Raoul
Huh?
You look just like that handsome boy in the opera box
The one who'd always toss me a single red rose(Raoul)
Please, Gustave, if you don't mind
Would you wait outside a while?(Gustave)
May I go exploring, by myself?(Christine)
Yes, but stay backstage, my dear
When I'm finished, meet me here(Gustave)
I will(Raoul)
Since our wedding day, things have gone astray
(Christine) Raoul
I'm not proud of the way that I've acted
(Christine) We've both been
The demands I've made, all the hopes mislaid
I'm aware of the price they've exacted Though I've no right to ask you to
There's one thing more I'd have you do
If you love me as I love you(Christine) Anything, darling
(Raoul) Don't sing the song, dear
(Christine) What?
But, Raoul
(Raoul) You have to know

Something's terribly wrong, dear(Christine) But I have to do this
It's what we agreed to
(Raoul) That hell-spawn demon
He's had us playing his game all along, dear
(Christine) Let me just get through this
Listen, please, I need to(Raoul)
You need so much, it's true
And I've denied you
You need the man you knew
Back here beside youYou'll have him back, I vow
Just ask it of me
But we must leave here now
If you still love me(Christine) Do you mean it, Raoul, truly?(Raoul)
I've booked a passage for three
To Cherbourg on the Atlantic Queen, it leaves in an hour
We'll have just enough time, I beg you
Let's be on it for both our sakes
And the child'sLeave this place behind(Phantom)
He knows his love is not enough
He knows he isn't what you need
He knows you're made of finer stuff
I think on that we're all agreedIt's time to leave him in the dust
It's time to be who you should be
It's time to do now as you must
And set the music in you freeIn moments, mere moments
Drums will roll
There you'll stand just like beforeThe crowd will hush
And then in one sweet rush
I will hear you sing once moreAnd music, our music
Will swell and then unwind
Like two strands of melody at last entwinedFulfill us, complete us
Make us whole
Seal our bond forever moreTonight, for me
Embrace your destiny
Let me hear you sing once more(Stage)
Miss Daae, it's time(Christine)
Twisted every way
What answer can I give?I know I can't refuse
And yet I wish I could
Oh, God(Raoul)
Christine, Christine
Don't think that I don't care
(Phantom)
But every hope and every prayer
Rests on you now

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