

# Lament (From "Into the Woods")

## Bernadette Peters

This is the world I meant  
Couldn't you listen?  
Couldn't you stay content?

Safe behind walls, as I could notNow you know what's out there in the world

No one can prepare you for the world, even I  
How could I, who loved you as you were

How could I have shielded you from her or them?No matter what you say

Children won't listen  
No matter what you know

Children refuse to learnGuide them along the way

Still they won't listen  
Children can only grow  
From something you love  
To something you lose

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