I Dreamed A Dream

Fantine

[Fantine is left alone, unemployed and destitute][FANTINE]

There was a time when men were kind

When their voices were soft

And their words inviting

There was a time when love was blind

And the world was a song

And the song was exciting

There was a time

Then it all went wrongI dreamed a dream in time gone by

When hope was high

And life worth living

I dreamed that love would never die

I dreamed that God would be forgiving

Then I was young and unafraid

And dreams were made and used and wasted

There was no ransom to be paid

No song unsung, no wine untastedBut the tigers come at night

With their voices soft as thunder

As they tear your hope apart

And they turn your dream to shameHe slept a summer by my side

He filled my days with endless wonder

He took my childhood in his stride

But he was gone when autumn cameAnd still I dream he'll come to me

That we will live the years together

But there are dreams that cannot be

And there are storms we cannot weatherI had a dream my life would be

So different from this hell I'm living

So different now from what it seemed

Now life has killed the dream I dreamed.

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