

# *Hunchback Audition Sides*

**ESMERELDA/CLOPIN/PHOEBUS**

**ESMERELDA:** (enters) Stop! Please. These men are my friends!

**CLOPIN:** More than we are, apparently! Go!

**ESMERELDA:** Hey!

**CLOPIN:** (hurt) How could you betray us like this?

**ESMERELDA:** I didn't betray you.

**CLOPIN:** No! Then what would you call telling them our hiding place?!

**ESMERELDA:** (Silent)

**CLOPIN:** I always knew you were trouble.

**PHOEBUS:** You should be grateful to her! We've come to warn you! Frolo knows your hiding place.

**CLOPIN:** All right, keep calm! How do you know this?

**PHOEBUS:** He plans on attacking at dawn.

**CLOPIN:** Oh, why should we believe you? You're a soldier and we don't trust soldiers!

**ESMERELDA:** He's not a soldier anymore!

**PHOEBUS:** I'm just as much an outcast as you.

**CLOPIN:** I thought we'd have had a few years here at least. We must move quickly... Now! Esmerelda! Go pack now.

**PHOEBUS:** Pack? You're going with them?

**CLOPIN:** Of course, she is. No matter what, we won't leave one of our own behind.

**ESMERELDA:** Thank you, Clopin.

**PHOEBUS:** Esmerelda, no.

**ESMERELDA:** What would you have me do?

**PHOEBUS:** Come with me?

**ESMERELDA:** Where?

**PHOEBUS:** (trying to stop her) I don't know. We could make a life together.

**ESMERELDA:** You really are a dreamer, aren't you?

**PHOEBUS:** Then if you won't come with me, I'll come with you.

**ESMERELDA:** You can't, Phoebus.

**PHOEBUS:** Why not? There's nothing here for me anymore. Maybe there never was.

**ESMERELDA:** Yes, but to become like one of us...

**CLOPIN:** You're crazy. You don't know what you'd be facing.

**PHOEBUS:** I sure have gotten a pretty good idea the last few weeks, but I don't care.