

Emma

It'll never be over. I know that now. They'll pursue you no matter where you go. They'll hunt you down no matter where you hide. Won't they, JOSEPH? It's no use hiding it from me anymore. I suspected before, since that night the mob .?? Won't they, JOSEPH?

Joseph

(A pause.) It has to be this way.

Emma

(Singing.)

WHY, Joseph, WHY?
DOES IT ALL HAVE TO BE?
OTHER PEOPLE LIVE AND LOVE--
WHY CAN'T WE?
(IS) HAPPINESS A THING
THAT ONLY OTHERS SHARE?
IS IT DENIED US?
DO YOU EVEN CARE?

(Spoken)

It's happening, Joseph!

Joseph

What are you saying?

Emma

I'm afraid! I'm afraid of the dark again!

Joseph

(Singing.)

EMMA, WHY CAN'T YOU SEE
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME
IF I DO THE THINGS YOU SAID?
(LIGHTS up on MOB.)

MOB

YOU'LL BE DEAD!

Emma

JOSEPH, DON'T YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY WILL THINK IF YOU SHOULD GO?
IF YOU DON'T DO AS I BADE?

(LIGHTS up on BRETHREN.)

BRETHREN

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HE 'S AFRAID!

Joseph

EMMA, DON'T EVEN ASK!
FOR I CAN NOT COME BACK!
LET THEM THINK JUST WHAT THEY WILL!

MOB

WE'RE GONNA KILL!

Emma

DON'T TAKE TOO LONG.
WHAT THEY MIGHT TELL ME WHILE YOU'RE GONE,

EMMA & JOSEPH

I KNOW I WON'T BE PREPARED!

BRETHREN

HE IS SCARED!

(BRETHREN freeze. JOSEPH goes to them.)

Joseph

HOW CAN THEY SAY THIS,
AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE TOGETHER?
ALL THE BATTLES WE'VE FOUGHT,
THE VICTORIES WON!
WHAT MORE DO THEY WANT?
WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE?
A RIP OR A TEAR
A BREAK OR A SNAP.
IT'S NEVER FAIR!
IT'S JUST A TRAP!

*(LIGHTS down on BRETHREN
and MOB and EMMA.)*

IF THAT'S WHAT THEY DO
SOON AS I LEAVE, LET THEM DO IT!
IF THAT'S ALL MY LIFE MEANS,
THERE'S NO VALUE TO IT!

(He looks heavenward.)

I TURN TO YOU
FOR AN ANSWER.

*(Silence. He moves
away.)*

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT,

MY DECISION IS DONE.
I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE WATER --
NOW -- THE FIRE:
LIKE A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER.

*(Lights up on EMMA. She
sees JOSEPH coming
towards her.)*

*WHERE DO WE BRING BOTH
MELODIES IN TOGETHER?*

Emma
WHATEVER ELSE THERE MAY BE,

Joseph
LET THERE BE LOVE!
WHATEVER ELSE I MAY SEE

Emma
LET ME SEE LOVE!

Joseph
EVERY WHERE THAT I MAY LOOK,

Emma
LET THERE BE LOVE!

Joseph
HOW CAN YOU SEE LOVE?

TOGETHER
IF YOU GAZE INTO MY EYES,
THERE YOU'LL SEE LOVE
I SEE ME, LOVE!

*(MOB filters on stage
during final verse,
cleaning guns, checking
ammunition, etc.)*

EMMA:
IF SOME WILL BE
WHO'D LIKE US NOT
TO BE FREE,

JOSEPH:
I TURN TO
YOU FOR AN
ANSWER.

THEY CAN WAIT!

NO NEED TO FEAR
WHAT THEY MAY DO!
WE HAVE HERE
SOMETHING GREAT!
LET THE WORLD
KEEP ITS HATE!

FOR THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE LOVE!

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU

WANT, MY DECISION IS
DONE.

I HAVE
BEEN THROUGH THE
WATER -- NOW -- THE
FIRE:

*(JOSEPH and EMMA reach
out to one another.)*
LIKE A LAMB
TO THE SLAUGHTER.

*(MOB fires, just as
JOSEPH and EMMA are
about to touch.
Simultaneously with the
GUN SHOT, there is a
TOTAL BLACKOUT on the
stage, except
immediately around
JOSEPH.*

*As the GUN SHOT fades
away, so does the LIGHT
around JOSEPH. JOSEPH's
face only is
illuminated. Pause. Then
there is no longer a
whiteness in the middle
of the black.*

Darkness. Silence.)

THE END

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