

SCENE SEVEN: BELL TOWER

#25C - *Top of the World (Reprise)*

Esmeralda, Choir

(ESMERALDA lies in a corner. QUASIMODO approaches and cradles her.)

QUASIMODO

We've done it, Esmeralda! Beaten them back! Esmeralda, you are home.

ESMERALDA

(opening her eyes, weakly)

Home...

HERE AGAIN AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD
TWO FRIENDS ENJOYING THIS BEAUTIFUL MORNING
IN MY EYES, YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL TOO
SHARING THE TOP OF THE WORLD...

QUASIMODO

Can stay inside here forever.

ESMERALDA

(smiling)

I don't think forever... You are such a good friend, Quasimodo.

(ESMERALDA dies.)

QUASIMODO

Yes. Your friend... Esmeralda... Esmeralda, wake up!

(FROLLO enters.)

FROLLO

Is she dead?

CHOIR WOMEN

OOO-OOO

QUASIMODO

Because of you!

OOO-OOO

FROLLO

It was my duty.

OOO-OOO

QUASIMODO

Duty?

OOO-OOO

FROLLO

Now we can finally go back to the way things were.

QUASIMODO

No... never go back.

#25D – *Esmeralda (Frollo Reprise)*

Frollo, Jehan, Florika,
Congregation, Choir

FROLLO

We will. You'll see.

AT LAST WE'RE FREE OF ESMERALDA
NOW THAT SHE'S GONE, HER POISON DIES WITH HER
NOW THAT WE'RE FREE OF ESMERALDA
WE CAN GO ON, AS CLOSE AS ONCE WE WERE
HERE IN OUR SANCTUARY
SANCTUARY...

QUASIMODO

Sanctuary...? No sanctuary – without her...

FROLLO

It was her choice, Quasimodo. I could have helped her. Even... loved her...

QUASIMODO

Love... What do you know of love? Who have you ever loved?

FROLLO

I loved my brother... I tried to teach him.

QUASIMODO

You teach him...?

FROLLO

Yes, as I tried to teach you! But he was wicked! Weak!

QUASIMODO

No. You are the weak one... You the wicked one. And the wicked shall not go unpunished!

(QUASIMODO grabs FROLLO and backs him up towards the parapet. The GHOSTS of JEHAN and FLORIKA appear.)

JEHAN'S GHOST

"THE WICKED SHALL NOT GO UNPUNISH-ED..."

FLORIKA'S GHOST

"THE HEART OF THE WICKED IS OF LITTLE WORTH..."