

Poetry of Broadway Songs

*"I Dreamed A Dream" (Les Misérables)*  
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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 wrong

I 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  
And 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 untasted

But the tigers come at night  
With their voices soft as thunder  
As they tear your hopes apart  
As they turn your dreams to shame

He 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 came

And I still 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 weather!

I 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