

*(The scene fades and we see the barred door to Fogg's Asylum. From inside we hear a weird and frightening sound, the cries and jibbers of the inmates. After a moment, rising above the bizarre cacophony, we hear JOHANNA's voice from inside a window, singing a snatch of "Green Finch and Linnet Bird." A few moments later, SHE breaks off singing and the inmates quieten too as ANTHONY, dejected, enters. As HE starts across the stage, once again we hear JOHANNA's voice, singing)*

**JOHANNA**

GREEN FINCH AND LINNET BIRD...  
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**ANTHONY**

*(Incredulous, overjoyed, stops in his tracks)*

Johanna!

*(Calling excitedly up at a window)*

Johanna! Johanna!

*(A male passer-by enters)*

Oh sir, please tell me. What house is this?

**PASSER-BY**

That? That's Mr. Fogg's Private Asylum for the Mentally Deranged.

**ANTHONY**

A madhouse!

**PASSER-BY**

I'd keep away from there if I were you.

*(HE exits. Once again we hear JOHANNA's voice)*

**ANTHONY**

Johanna! Johanna!

*(HE starts beating wildly on the door)*

Open! Open the door!

*(The BEADLE, falsely amiable as ever, swaggers on, recognizes him)*

**BEADLE**

Now, now, friend, what's all this hollering and shouting?

**ANTHONY**

Oh, sir, there has been a monstrous perversion of justice. A young woman, as sane as you or I, has been incarcerated there.

**BEADLE**

Is that a fact? Now what is this young person's name?

**ANTHONY**

Johanna.

**BEADLE**

Johanna. That wouldn't by any chance be Judge Turpin's ward?

**ANTHONY**

He's the one. He's the devil incarnate who has done this to her.

**BEADLE**

You watch your tongue. That's girl's as mad as the seven seas. I brought her here myself. So - hop it.

**ANTHONY**

You have no right to order me about.

**BEADLE**

No right, eh? You just hop it or I'm booking you for disturbing of the peace, assailing an officer -

**ANTHONY**

Is there no justice in this city? Are the officers of the law as vicious and corrupted as their masters? Johanna! Johanna!