

ADULT PIP AUDITION PIECES

ESTELLA I was brought up to be admired. You have heard her,
You have heard her say it. Brought up to be
admired.

To be gawped at, Pip. To be smelt and pawed at.
And why do you think that was?

PIP I thought it was for yourself.

ESTELLA Fool. It was for her revenge!

PIP I know that, and yet I love you.

I love you against hope, against reason,
Against the deepest instincts of my soul.

I spend days on end at your door,

Always I long to be in your company,

Convinced that to be with you will make
me the happiest man in the world,

And yet, when I am with you.

You bring me nothing but misery.

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BIDDY You could show your new clothes at the village, Pip. They'd take it as a compliment.

PIP But, Biddy, they would make so coarse a business of it I couldn't bear myself.

BIDDY Well, Pip, if you can't bear yourself... Biddy... Yes, Pip?

PIP You won't omit any opportunity of helping Joe on a little.

BIDDY How helping him on?

PIP Well, Joe is a dear good fellow, but he is rather backward in some things.

BIDDY Backward, is he, Pip?

PIP Yes, Biddy, in his learning, for instance. And his manners.

BIDDY Won't his manners do then?

PIP Dear Biddy, they do very well here —

BIDDY Oh, they do very well here?

PIP Biddy, I am sorry to see this in you. You are envious, Biddy, and grudging. You are dissatisfied to see my
rise in fortune, and you can't help showing it,

It is a bad side in human nature, and I am sorry to see it.

I did intend, Biddy, to ask you to use any little opportunities you might have after |
was gone of improving poor Joe. But now I ask you nothing.

I am extremely sorry to see this in you,

Biddy. It's a bad side of human nature.

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PIP

In those days it was the custom

To devote a whole day of court sessions to the passing of sentence;

And to finish that day with the Sentence of Death.

On his day there were thirty-two to be sentenced

All crowded close together in a pen.

And a huge congregation had assembled to watch.

The judge put on his cap and confronted them,

The thirty-two who were doomed to die, And he spoke of civic duty and the upholding of law.

He singled out my convict, who had so tried to help me,

As the one most signally, most nightfully And most justly deserving to die.

And then he turned to the others and sentenced them

One by one to be hanged.
There were men, and there were women.
Some were old, And some were no older than children.

(MAGWITCH is among the CONVICTS.)

Some sat in stony silence and affected not to know,
Some tried to laugh. Some screamed. Some shivered.
Most wept.
He stood. He was very weak. But he stood,
And he never flinched. He looked the judge in the eye and said:
My lord, I have already heard the sentence of God. But I now hear yours.
A change came over him.
from the day the prison door closed upon im.
He wasted and became Slowly weaker and worse.
But he never complained. He lay on his back
And looked up at the ceiling
And the light drained away.

(MAGWITCH dies in PIP's arms