

Must Go Back

Song 6 - Frankenspell Superstar

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(Scripted introduction as Hilde discovers that the Creature's skin is decaying and that he may soon die. She explains this to him and tries to convince him to go back to Frankenstein's Tower to see if they can discover what can be done. The Creature does not want to return. Under their argument, the Gypsies begin to sing:)

Gypsies:

Must go back.
Must go back and see.
Must go back.
You must see if you can heal...

Please go back.
Please go back to see.
Please go back.
We must see if you can heal.

Gypsies:

Please go back.
Please go back.
We must see if you can heal.

Creature:

No, I can't.
No,
No, I can't.

(Hilde & the Creature continue their argument over singing.)

Animals:

You must go back.
You must go back.
You must go back.
You must go back.
You must go back.
Take us with you...

Creature:

There I cannot return;
Not to that hateful place
Where I was damned and spurned;
Not that disgraceful place!

Hilde:

You must go back;
The answers wait for you.
If you don't go, then you will never know if
You can be healed, too,
And live a normal life.

Creature:

A normal life? I am a wretched monster!

Animals & Gypsies:

You can come back with us.
Knowledge will set you free.

Hilde:

"No!"
"I will go with you."
"Please, for me!"
Without you I'll be lost.
Won't you do this for me?

Creature:

Alright, I will return,
Go, not for me, but for you...

(The Creature & Hilde, with Animal entourage, wind their way through a hostile and suspicious countryside to arrive at Frankenstein's Tower.)

Townspople: [Spoken]

Look at that thing!
Huge and hulking.
Dangerously strong!
Hideously wrong!
Must be the curse!

Live and perverse!
Monstrous villain!
More beast than man!

Townspople: [Sung]
Is it the curse made flesh?
Is this from Frankenspell?
Will we all pay the price?

Gypsies:
Or fear made manifest?
Or from your private hell?
It won't be your sacrifice?

Crowd Main Lines: [Spoken]
There! Look! Frankenstein's Tower!
It's breaking into Frankenstein's Tower
With that little witch girl.
So it was Frankenstein's creature!
A monster!
We cannot let such an unnatural evil survive in our midst!
We must kill it...before we are brought to ruin by its hands!
Burn it out!
Burn them all!

Townspople: [Sung]
Burn! Burn!
Burn! Burn!
Torch them both in hell's own flame!

Victor: [From his library, going to his window, then the Creature enters.]
[Spoken] What is all this commotion! My God!
What are you doing here!
Stay away!

Creature: [Sung]
See the creature featured like a monster mirrored by his master, sliding toward disaster;
Cowering from his towering, overpowering fear and shame.
See the creature crumbling, humbly fumbling for a cure to dying, crying;
Tumbling toward the dust and rust and busted, broken dreams of lying blame.

Gypsies:
Only wants to be Savior.
Only wants to see Brave New Life.

Creature: [Spoken]
Do you see? I'm dying!
Rotting away even as I stand before you!
Heal me, or I will throw you to the people below.

Victor: [Spoken]
You were never made to survive!
Muscles, nerves, bones...
these things I've brought back to life!
But to sustain that life... I've not yet found a way!

Creature: [Sung]
Muscle, that you think you have remade?
nerve and bone,
Is this all that you think you have remade?

Victor: **Hilde:**

Leave her alone!

Yes.

No!

Who's she?

You mustn't let him die!

Why?

Please, do not betray...

Where's the promise we live on?
We all die!

Don't bother...

No, you're wrong!

You're his father!

No more than yourself.

He's a monster!

Please, you've the wealth to pay...

Gypsies:

Only wants to be Savior.

Victor: [Spoken]

You think you can buy knowledge?
I have given my soul to achieve
what I have done!

Only wants to see Brave New Life!

Hilde: [Spoken]

You've lost your soul, Good Doctor.

Creature: [Spoken]

If it is still there, I will tear it from you!

Look! They're burning the Tower!

Then we die in flames together...as it should be...

No! You can't!

Hilde! I'd forgotten you. We must find a way out!
We must find a way out!

[After saving the others, the Creature staggers CS, burnt and torn. He is near death.]

Gypsies:

Ah, ah-ah ah. Ah-ah ah. Ah, ah ah ah ah...

[Creature falls, unconscious. Hilde cradles his head.]

See the burning climbing higher, without learning, churning
With the weight of hate, distrust and lust for blame; this bigotry defines the heartless mob.
See the altar where we've faltered, stripped in error, gripped by awe and terror;
Knives of action, slaves of passion fashioned from the empty gods we've robbed.

Only wants to be Savior.
Only wants to see Brave New Life.

[After saving the others, the creature staggers CS, burnt and torn.
He is near death.]

Creature:

What have you done to me?
I've no more life to give.
What have you done to me?
I've no more time to live.

Crowd: [Spoken]

...Look at it's skin. It's all burned!
...The girl. ...He saved the girl. ...She's alright!
...How could he make it through the fire? Mustn't be human!
...We would not have gotten out without his help.