

# *Hunchback Audition Sides*

**FROLLO/CONGREGATION/LOUIS**

**CONGREGATION 1:** On the very next morning...

**LOUIS:** (entering) King Louis the Eleventh, nicknamed “the prudent”...

**CONGREGATION 1:** ...received a visitor, who arrived announced.

**FROLLO:** Your Majesty-

**LOUIS:** (gasps) My astrologer told me I’d have an unexpected guest.

**FROLLO:** Your Majesty, there is a gypsy witch who is endangering our citizens with her sorcery. She must be stopped. I need special powers to protect the people and the church.

**LOUIS:** Frolo, you are a good man, but you know how I hate to be overly hasty.

**FROLLO:** I do, Your Majesty, but be careful, unless the people think you are weak, and the various vergers around the city feel the need to get the upper hand.

**LOUIS:** Very well, if you feel you must, but be well...

**FROLLO and LOUIS:** “Prudent”.

**FROLLO:** I assure you, Your Majesty, I will do only what is necessary.

**CONGREGATION 1:**

(Speak) BY ROYAL EDICT WARRANT OF ARREST

THE GYPSY KNOWN AS, ‘ESMERELDA’

BEING UNDER THE SUSPICION OF SORCERY AND WITCHCRAFT

AND THE ARTS OF HELL

ANYONE FOUND HARBORING OR HELPING HER WILL BE CHARGED AS WELL