

## Prologue

Stephen Sondheim

Attend the tale of Sweeney Todd.  
His skin was pale and his eye was odd.  
He shaved the faces of gentlemen  
who never thereafter were heard of again.  
He trod a path that few have trod  
did Sweeney Todd  
the demon barber of fleet street.  
He kept a shop in London town.  
Of fancy clients and good renown  
and what if none of their souls were saved  
they went to their maker impeccably shaved.  
By Sweeney,  
by Sweeney Todd  
the demon barber of fleet street.

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Swing your razor wide!  
Sweeney, hold it to the skies.  
Freely flows the blood of those who moralize.  
His needswere few, his room was bare.  
A lavabo and a fancy chair.  
A mug of suds, and a leather strop,  
an apron, a towel, a pail, and a mop.  
For neatness he deserves a nod,  
does Sweeney Todd,  
the demon barber of Fleet Street.  
Inconspicuous Sweeney was,  
quick, and quiet and clean he was.  
Back of his smile, under his word,  
Sweeney heard music that nobody heard.  
Sweeney pondered and Sweeney planned,  
like a perfect machine he planned,  
Sweeney was smooth, Sweeney was subtle,  
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He served a dark and avengeful God!

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What happened then, well that's the play,  
and he wouldn't want us to give it away...

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Not Sweeney

Not Sweeney Todd

The demon barber of Fleet...

Street...