According to Plan

from The Corpse Bride

Mrs. VanDort
It's a beautiful day.

Mr. VanDort
It's a rather nice day.

Mrs. VanDort
A day for a glorious wedding.

Mr. VanDort
A rehearsal, my dear, to be perfectly clear.

Mrs. VanDort
A rehearsal for a glorious wedding.

Mr. VanDort
Assuming nothing happens that we don't really know,

Mrs. VanDort
That nothing unexpected interferes with the show.

Mr. And Mrs. VanDort
And that's why everything, every last little thing,
every single tiny microscopic little thing must go...

Mrs. VanDort
According to plan,

Mr. VanDort
Our son will be married.

Mrs. VanDort
According to plan,

Mr. VanDort
Our family carried,

Mr. And Mrs. VanDort
We'll go right into to the heights of society...

Mrs. VanDort
To the costume balls,

Mr. VanDort
In the hallowed halls.

Mrs. VanDort
Rubbing elbows with the finest.

Mr. VanDort
Having crumpets with her highness.

Mr. And Mrs. VanDort
We'll be there, we'll be seen, having tea with the queen.
We'll forget everything...that we've ever ever been.

Mrs. Everglot
It's a terrible day

Mr. Everglot
Now don't be that way

Mrs. Everglot
It's a terrible day for a wedding.

Mr. Everglot
It's a sad, sad state of affairs we're in,

Mrs. Everglot
That has led to this ominous wedding.

Mr. Everglot
How could our family have come to this?

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot
To marry off our daughter to the nouveaux riches.

Mrs. Everglot
They're so common,

Mr. Everglot
So coarse.

Mrs. Everglot
Oh, it couldn't be worse!
Mr. Everglot
It couldn't be worse? I'm afraid I disagree.
It could be land-rich bankrupt aristocracy,
without a penny to their name...just like you...and me.

Mrs. Everglot
Oh, dear.

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot
And that's why everything, every last little thing,
every single tiny microscopic little thing must go...

Mrs. Everglot
According to plan,

Mr. Everglot
Our daughter will wed.

Mrs. Everglot
According to plan,

Mr. Everglot
Our family led,

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot
From the depths of deepest poverty,

Mrs. Everglot
To the noble realm,

Mr. Everglot
Of our ancestors.

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot
And who'd have guessed in a million years that our
daughter, with the face

Mr. Everglot
of an utter in disgrace,

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot
Would provide our ticket to our rightful place?

Victoria (speaking)
What if Victor and I don't...like each other?

Mrs. Everglot (speaking)
Do you suppose your father and I like each other?

Victoria (speaking)
Surely you must...a little...

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot (speaking)
Of course not!

Mrs. Everglot (speaking)
Get those corsets laced properly...I can hear you speak
without gasping.
Marriage is a partnership. A little tit-for-tat.
You'd think a lifetime watching us (singing) might have
taught her that.
Might have taught her that.

Mr. Everglot
Everything must be perfect

Mrs. Everglot
Everything must be perfect

Mr. Everglot
Everything must be perfect

Mr. and Mrs. Everglot
Everything must be perfect, perfect,

The VanDorts and the Everglots
That's why everything, every last little thing,
every single tiny microscopic little thing must
go...According to plan!

VOCABULARY:

hallowed: honored as holy

crumpets: a flat biscuit-like cake that is eaten
toasted and buttered

nouveau riche: French, meaning “new rich;”
people who have recently become wealthy

aristocracy: the highest class of people in a society
(usually holding titles or important offices)

ominous: giving the impression that something
bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening