I Dreamed A Dream (Les Misérables)

There was a time when men were kind
When their voices were soft
And their words inviting
There was a time when love was blind
And the world was a song
And the song was exciting
There was a time
Then it all went wrong

I dreamed a dream in times gone by
When hope was high
And life worth living
I dreamed that love would never die
I dreamed that God would be forgiving
Then I was young and unafraid
And dreams were made and used and wasted
There was no ransom to be paid
No song unsung, no wine untasted

But the tigers come at night
With their voices soft as thunder
As they tear your hope apart
And they turn your dream to shame

He slept a summer by my side
He filled my days with endless wonder
He took my childhood in his stride
But he was gone when autumn came

And still I dream he’ll come to me
That we’ll live the years together
But there are dreams that cannot be
And there are storms we cannot weather
I had a dream my life would be
So different from this hell I’m living
So different now from what it seemed
Now life has killed the dream I dreamed.

From the musical Les Misérables. This song is sung by the character named Fantine. She thought this man truly loved her. She thought that they were both meant to be. She ended up pregnant, and then he left her. He shattered her hopes. She thought he was truly in love with her, but in the end it was a lie.

Poetic device: Personification - Giving a human characteristic to a non-human thing. Saying that "life killed the dream I dreamed." People kill, but "life" does not.

Poetic device: Metaphor - Saying something is something. In this case saying "the world was a song."