“It Takes Two” from *Into the Woods*


Music and lyrics, Stephen Sondheim, 1986

[BAKER'S WIFE]
You've changed.
You're daring.
You're different in the woods.
More sure.
More sharing.
You're getting us through the woods.
If you could see-
You're not the man who started,
And much more openhearted
Than I knew
You to be.

[BAKER]
It takes two.
I thought one was enough,
It's not true:
It takes two of us
You came through
When the journey was rough.
It took you.
It took two of us.
It takes care.
It takes patience and fear and despair
To change.
Though you swear
To change,
Who can tell if you do?
It takes two.

[BAKER'S WIFE]
You've changed.
You're thriving.
There's something about the woods.
Not just
Surviving.
You're blossoming in the woods.
At home I'd fear
We'd stay the same forever.
And then out here-
You're passionate
Charming,
Considerate, 
Clever- 
[BAKER] 
It takes one 
To begin, but then once 
You've begun, 
It takes two of you. 
It's no fun, 
But what needs to be done 
You can do 
When there's two of you. 
If I dare, 
It's because I'm becoming 
Aware of us 
As a pair of us, 
Each accepting a share 
Of what's there. 
[BOTH] 
We've changed. 
We're strangers. 
I'm meeting you in the woods. 
Who minds 
What dangers? 
I know we'll get past the woods. 
And once we're past, 
Let's hope the changes last 
Beyond woods, 
Beyond witches and slippers and hoods, 
Just the two of us- 
Beyond lies, 
Safe at home with our beautiful prize, 
Just the few of us. 
It takes trust. 
It takes just 
A bit more 
And we're done. 
We want four, 
We had none. 
We've got three. 
We need one. 
It takes two.