

HENRIETTA

Thank you, Miss Woodhouse. My sister-in-law Anne Elliot has come to visit us, and you will not believe it - she is unmarried at the age of twenty-seven!

ANNE

I don't believe that's really quite *that* old, I-

HENRIETTA

Oh, but it is! I so admire your courage, Miss Elliot, to still go out into the world as you do, smiling and not looking down on yourself as the rest of the world does.

ANNE

Thank you.

HENRIETTA

I suppose when one has never been in love, it's difficult to imagine things any other way.

ANNE

Oh, but I have been in love.

HENRIETTA

You have?
Who on earth with?

MARY

Anne.
I have just met the most fascinating man, Captain Frederick Wentworth, he just returned from his time abroad, where he became so rich, you would not believe it. Oh, that I were not already married!

HENRIETTA

Mary!

MARY

He said he saw you from a distance, Anne, but you appeared so altered, he would not have recognized you! I didn't realize you'd known such a handsome, gallant man before you became so dull.

HENRIETTA

Perhaps we should meet this Captain Wentworth, I'm sure our viewers would like to-

ANNE

No!
I mean, I'm sure the Captain is very busy.