

The Wings of the Dove (SL)

She

I was hoping you would find a way to see me.

He

All you had to do is ask.

She

I couldn't do that, I had to be a little difficult.

He

You look well.

She

Apparently not. Have you heard?

He

(Pause) Yes.

She

I went out yesterday morning, I feel better in the mornings. It's such a large city but I thought I might see you wandering around.

He

I thought the same.

She

Where did you go?

He

San Marco, Rialto, all the places we went together.

She

Maybe we kept missing each other, me turning the corner just as you would be...

**He**

I thought of that so I stayed in the same place and waited for hours.

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**She**

And we still didn't see each other. When do you go back to London?

**He**

I'm not going anywhere.

**She**

What will you do here?

**He**

Same things we did before.

**She**

Do I look like I can climb a church scaffold?

**He**

You can do anything you want.

**She**

Not anymore. I can't fool myself anymore.

**He**

(Pause) It isn't true Millie. What he told you. It isn't true.

**She**

Look what Marc brought back from London....

**He**

Millie please, listen....

**She**

Look, the printing on the box it's Ophelia Drowning, someone lying down anyway, I didn't notice it until the last moment....

He

Millie...

She

You should have seen him, he was so embarrassed, he kept trying to turn it on the side so I wouldn't notice, do you think that's quite right, he came here to hurt me and he brought me a box of biscuits?

He

What he told you, it isn't true.

She

I told him that myself and sent him on his way in the rain.

He

But you believed him, Millie, what can I do to persuade you?

She

Don't. We are beyond that you and I.

(Pause) I love you.

Go back to Louise.

He

I'm sorry.

I'm so sorry.