

The Fire Within Me 24

"Little Women"

Cue: Segue from #23

Jo:

Jo

1 2 3 4 [to 13]

How do I go on? Just an emp-ty room. All I have are



A Tempo

Jo

13 14 15 16

mem-o-ries. I need a task to do. Some-one give me a task to do. I need a...



Slow

Rubato con moto

17 18 19 20 21

sub *p* *mp*



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22 23 24

Jo

I thought that some - how we would al - ways have for - e - ver.

mf

25 26 27

Jo

I thought the pro - mis - es we made would have a diff - erent end. I thought the

28 29 30 31

Jo

love we shared would keep us as we were. It was the fi - re _____

mp

32 33 34

Jo

_____ with - in me. _____

Jo

36 37

We dreamed and plot-ted with a - ban-don in this at - tic. When we were gather-ed here the

mp

Jo

38 39 40 41

room be-came our ____ cit - a - del. We were a - maz - ing then, my sis - ters and

Jo

42 43 44

I They were the fi - re ____ with-

Jo

45 46

in me. ____

Jo 47 In this room I knew we were a - live. Noth - ing was too pain - ful to sur -

Jo 50 vive. We faced the world to - ge - ther, The

Jo 52 four of us for - e - ver side by side. (hn)

Jo 55 Eve - ry - thing I pro - mised was for them. I was theirs no mat - ter where or

(brass) *mp*

mp

(stgs. +8va)

p *f* *p*

f *sub p* *f*

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Jo 58 when. 59 How can that be lost for ev er? 60 Howwhen I gave ev-ery-thing with

f *p sub* *f*

Jo 61 all 62 my heart? 63 **Rall.** **A Tempo**

ff

64 65 66 67 **[Curtain]** *f*

f

68 **[SHE turns]** *mp* 69 **[Parallel to trunk]** 70 **[SHE touches hat]** *f* 71 **JO: "It was several days before Christmas."**

mp *f*

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JO: "It was several days
before Christmas.

The sisters sat about
the parlor and grumbled
about their fate.

Meg, the oldest and most romantic, said, 'It's not fair some girls

72 73 74 75

have pretty things while we have nothing.'

'And it won't be Christmas
without presents....'

said Amy, with her usual pout.

76 77 78 79

mp *mp*

'And we haven't got father
to read to us,' said Jo, who yearned
to travel and write great books.

Only Beth, sitting contented, said,

80 81 82 83 84

in a tone so sweet even angels would have listened, 'But we've got each other.'

85 86 87 88

mp *8va*

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Jo 89 90 91 92

Ev - ry - thing I pro - mised them is here. All of us the way we used to be.

p *mp*

Jo 93 94 95

We will al - ways have each o - ther. They will al - ways be the fi - re in my

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Jo 96 97 98 **Slower**

heart _____ Here I go and there's no

(stgs) *ritard* *f*

Jo 99 100 101

turn - ing back: My great ad - ven - ture _____ has be - gun. I may be

sim. 3

Jo 102 103 104 105

small _____ but I've got gi-ant plans to shine as bright-ly _____ as the sun.

Jo 106 107 108

Here in all the _____ small-est de-tails _____ of the past _____ Here in this at-tic, sud-den-ly

Jo 109 110 111

life is _____ some-thing vast. The four of us for ev-er here at last.

Jo 112 113 114 115 116

As un-ex-pect-ed as can be. A-ston-ish-ing.

p *mf* *ff*

ritard

AND
SEGUE