

RS#10 Marmee & Jo

Start



MARMEE

It's been awhile since you've been up here.

JO

I know.

MARMEE

The room needs an airing. And a dusting.

JO

I'll get to it.

MARMEE

The attic used to be such a sanctuary for you. Whenever you were sad or disappointed, you'd run up here, bolt the door, and come back hours later so full of life. I haven't seen that Jo in a long time.

JO

... I can't write. I can't do anything really. You're right, in the past I could always come up with something. I was always so good at that. Beth would say, 'Jo can make the clouds disappear.'

(SHE cries out)

I want Beth back!

(SHE struggles - manages to collect herself)

I never should have broken the promise. I never should have gone to New York. If I'd stayed here -

MARMEE

Jo -

JO

- everything would have been different.

MARMEE

Jo, stop it! No one could have done more for Beth than you did. You could not have changed what happened.

JO

How do you manage? How do you go on day-in, day-out, as if nothing has happened?

MARMEE

You think that's how I go on?

JO

You're strong and wise. How can I be like you? How can I find your strength?

End

