

*JANE joins her mother and LADY LUCAS.*

BINGLEY

Come, Darcy! I hate to see you standing about by yourself in this stupid way. You had much better dance.

DARCY

You know how I dislike dancing, unless I am particularly acquainted with my partner. Your sister is engaged, and there is not another woman in the room whom it would not be a punishment to dance with.

BINGLEY

Upon my honor, I never met with so many pleasant girls in my life as I have this evening and several of them are uncommonly pretty.

DARCY

*(Looking at JANE)* You are dancing with the only handsome girl in the room.

*KITTY is close enough to overhear their conversation.*

BINGLEY

Miss Jane Bennet! She is the most beautiful creature I ever beheld! But one of her sisters, Miss Elizabeth Bennet is standing just behind you. She is very pretty and, I dare say, very agreeable.

DARCY

*(DARCY turns to observe ELIZABETH; she meets his eyes, then to BINGLEY)* She is - tolerable. But she is not handsome enough to tempt me. You had better return to Miss Bennet and enjoy her smiles, for right now you are wasting your time.

*BINGLEY laughs and then moves off to talk with JANE.*

*DARCY hesitates, and then moves to CAROLINE who is politely suffering conversation from SIR WILLIAM.*

MRS. BENNET

Not handsome enough to dance with! I quite detest the man! So high and so conceited.

*ELIZABETH looks to CHARLOTTE and recovers with a smile.*

*MUSIC fades to a slower underscore.*