
MISS BENNET CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY

ACT ONE

Prologue

A letter from Mary to Lizzy.

MARY. Dearest Elizabeth,

It is hard to believe it has been nearly two years since we have seen each other—with your duties as the lady of the great house Pemberley and wife of Mr. Darcy it is no wonder that you have not returned to Longbourn to visit us. You will be pleased to know that I continue to practice the pianoforte every morning and afternoon...and evening.

We do not receive many visitors now that my charming sisters are no longer at home. You and Jane are happily married, Lydia is—well—married, and Kitty enjoys London with our aunt and uncle. And I? I read. Of things beyond myself. And I wonder: Can one live a large life in mind alone?

I will arrive at Pemberley with Jane and Mr. Bingley within the fortnight. How lovely it will be to celebrate Christmas together as a family again.

Your sister, Mary