Lise:

*(In love with Val but conflicted over his low status)*

Oh, Val! When I look into your eyes I am drawn by such an irresistible force that I have no desire to put up a fight. But I am afraid of the future and I am scared that I love you more than I should! *(She gazes into his eyes for a moment).* Ah, how easy it is to be convinced by the eyes of the one you love! I am sure you will never betray my trust. I will try to control this sense of impending doom. I wouldn’t be afraid if everyone saw you the way I do, for I know your true worth. And I am certain our love is meant to be. I will always recall the moment of deadly peril that first brought us together: your amazing courage in risking your life; leaping into the icy clutches of that raging river to save me from a watery grave! Then to be held by you; the passionate focus of your overwhelming love since then, which keeps you here near me, where are you are forced to swallow your socialist values because you accepted a shameful job as my father‘s personal assistant. All of this has had a powerful impact on me; and in my eyes completely justifies our engagement. But perhaps it won’t convince the Board of Directors that you are suitable match for the daughter of Harpagon, CEO of Harpagon Holdings.