

Side #5: Elsa and Captain

ELSA. *(Taking the CAPTAIN'S arm.)* Georg, those mountains - they're magnificent!

CAPTAIN. Yes, they're not like any other mountains - they're friendly. Look, that green stretch of woods over there - when the wind moves through it, it's like a restless sea.

ELSA. And that sweet little village.

CAPTAIN. That's not a village. That's a town.

ELSA. Oh, I'm sorry - I didn't mean to hurt its feelings.

CAPTAIN. It's fun being with you. You're quite an experience for me.

ELSA. You're quite an experience for me, too. Somewhere in you there's a fascinating man. Occasionally I catch a glimpse of him, and when I do, he's exciting.

CAPTAIN. Exciting? I've never been called exciting before.

ELSA. I'm beginning to understand you better now that I see you here. You know, you're a little like those mountains - - except that you keep moving. How can you be away from this place as much as you are?

CAPTAIN. Maybe I've been searching for a reason to come back here to stay.

ELSA. Georg, I like it here very much.

CAPTAIN. *(Embarrassed.)* Max can't still be on the telephone. *(He crosses away from her.)* I know he's desperate about getting singers for the Kaltzberg Festival but -

(To ELSA.) You like it here?

ELSA. Yes.