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Jo In this room I knew we were a - live. Noth - ing was too pain - ful to sur -

(brass) *mp*

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Jo vive. We faced the world to - ge - ther, The

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53 (hn)

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Jo four of us for - e - ver side by side.

(stgs. +8va)

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Jo Eve - ry - thing I pro - mised was for them. I was theirs no mat - ter where or

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f *sub p* *f*

#24 The Fire Within Me

Jo

58 when. 59 How can that be lost for ev er? 60 Howwhen I gave ev-ery-thing with

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p sub *f*

Jo

61 all 62 my heart? 63

Rall. **A Tempo**

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[Curtain]

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[SHE turns] [Parallel to trunk] [SHE touches hat] JO: "It was several days before Christmas."

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#24 The Fire Within Me

JO: "It was several days before Christmas.

The sisters sat about the parlor and grumbled about their fate.

Meg, the oldest and most romantic, said, 'It's not fair some girls

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have pretty things while we have nothing.'

'And it won't be Christmas without presents....'

said Amy, with her usual pout.

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'And we haven't got father to read to us,' said Jo, who yearned to travel and write great books.

Only Beth, sitting contented, said,

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in a tone so sweet even angels would have listened, 'But we've got each other.'

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#24 The Fire Within Me

Jo 89 90 91 92

Ev - ry - thing I pro - mised them is here. All of us the way we used to be.

Jo 93 94 95

We will al - ways have each o - ther. They will al - ways be the fi - re in my

Jo 96 97 98 **Slower**

heart _____ Here I go and there's no

Jo 99 100 101

turn - ing back: My great ad - ven - ture _____ has be - gun. I may be

#24 The Fire Within Me

Jo ¹⁰² ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ³ ¹⁰⁵
 small — but I've got gi-ant plans to shine as bright-ly — as the sun.

(tpt)

Jo ¹⁰⁶ ³ ¹⁰⁷ ³ ¹⁰⁸
 Here in all the — small-est de-tails — of the past — Here in this at-tic, sud-den-ly

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Jo ¹⁰⁹ ³ ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹
 life is — some-thing vast. The four of us for ev-er here at last.

ritard

Jo ¹¹² ¹¹³ ¹¹⁴ ¹¹⁵ ¹¹⁶
 As un-ex-pect-ed as can be. A - ston-ish-ing.

p *mf* *ff*