

MRS LINDEN: Oh – Mr Lockhart, I hope you haven't been waiting long. Poor Mrs Cotton isn't well.

LOCKHART: No, I gathered that.

M. L.: Only at times, when things happen to upset her. We've had an accident to the drawing-room ceiling. This house is really in a shocking condition, and Robert won't make a fuss about it to the bursar – it's University property, you know – your property.

L: Shall I say something to him?

MRS L.: I really don't think it matters now. Ten years ago was the time. Do sit down. So good of you to call so promptly when you're so busy.

L: Not at all. I enjoyed the walk across. The early tulips are out on College Green. Very pleasant.

MRS L.: I've never cared for them. All the children have just arrived, you know – So the whole family will be here this weekend – for the first time for years. Can you imagine what that means?

|Mrs L: | R ai həʊp/ P ju hævnt bi:n weitiŋ lɒŋ | R pʊə misɪz
kɒtŋ |P ɪznt wel |

L | P nəʊ | P ai gæðəd ðæt |

Mrs L: | R æʊnli ət taɪmz | P wen θɪŋz hæpən tu ʌpset hə |
R wɪv hæd ən æksɪdənt/ P tə ðə drɔ:ɪŋ ru:m si:lɪŋ | R ðɪs
haʊs/ P ɪz rɪəli ɪn ə ʃɒkɪŋ kəndɪʃŋ | R ənd rɒbət/ P wəʊnt meɪk ə
fʌs əbaʊt ɪt tə ðə bɜ:sə/R ɪts ju:nɪvɜ:sɪti prɒpəti ju nəʊ/ R dʒ:
prɒpəti |

L: | P ʃəl ai sei sʌmθɪŋ tə hɪm |

Mrs L: | R ai riəli dəʊnt θɪŋk/ P it mætəz nəʊ | R ten jiəz
əgəʊz/ P wəz ðə taɪm | P du: sɪt daʊn | R səʊz gəʊd əv ju tə kɔ:l
səʊz prɒmptli/ R wen juə səʊz bɪzi|

L: | P nɒt ət ɔ:l | P ai ɪndʒɔɪd ðə wɔ:k əkrɒs | R ði ɜ:lɪ
tju:lɪps ər aʊt/ R ɒn kɒlɪdʒ grɪ:n | P veri pleznt |

Mrs L: | P aɪv nevə keəd fə ðəm | P ðə tʃɪldrən həv dzəst
əraɪvd ju nəʊz/ R səʊz ðə həʊsl fæməli/ P wɪ bi hɪə ðɪs wi:kend /
P fə ðə fɜ:st taɪm fə jiəz | R kn ju ɪmædʒɪn wɒt ðæt mi:nz |