

Chess "Mountain Duet"

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FLORENCE

This is the one situation I wanted most to avoid
Nothing I say will convince him this isn't a trick.

THE RUSSIAN

A drink on a clear moonlit night--I relax, she smiles
There's something unpleasant going on

FLORENCE

So with immaculate timing, I'm left to carry the can
Embarrassed, outnumbered, marooned--

THE RUSSIAN

Now she can't be working for them--I mean us--
She seems so very straightforward--
But where is he?

FLORENCE

He has to come back--he wanted this meeting, well
didn't he?

THE RUSSIAN

Maybe he's scared--just as scared as he was in the
game

FLORENCE

Oh I just couldn't care less
He can go right ahead, go and wreck his career
I know I've done my best

THE RUSSIAN

Well, at least she's a good-looking spy.

FLORENCE

What if my Russian friend thinks that my plans
Are more of an intimate kind?
If I don't say something and soon
He'll go-- nobody's on nobody's side.

THE RUSSIAN

Listen, I hate to break up the mood
Get to the point, begin the begin

Haven't you noticed we're a protagonist short
In this idyllic, well-produced scene?

FLORENCE

All I can say is moments ago
He was right here ready and waiting

THE RUSSIAN

Never mind him--I haven't missed him so far

BOTH

Maybe it won't do any harm
To struggle on without his charm?
Funny how all at once I feel
That he can go jump off the mountain I won't care

FLORENCE

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THE RUSSIAN

My dear opponent--I really can't imagine why

FLORENCE

So I am not dangerous then?
What a shame!

THE RUSSIAN

Oh you're not dangerous--who could think that of you?

BOTH

You--you are so strange--why can't you be what you
ought to be?
You should be scheming, intriguing, too clever by half--

THE RUSSIAN

I have to hand it to you
For you've managed to make me forget why I ever
agreed to this farce.

BOTH

I don't know why I can't think of anything
I would rather do
than be wasting my time
on mountains with you

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