

*The Captain's Wife* excerpt

"I made a promise."

"Please let it be."

He didn't want to, but because she asked, he would. . .for now.

On the carriage ride back to her house, she said, "I'll write to William and ask him what he'd like to do about the house. Maybe he and Sarah will move up here. I think they'd like it here, don't you?"

What did it matter if William and his wife would like it here? "I'll write to William, as well, and tell him Randolph died before he could change his will. I know he will insist on honoring the new will, even unsigned."

"Don't. I won't accept it. Promise me you won't ask anything of William on my behalf."

"Why not?"

"I have my reasons. Please Conner."