

Stories for Lipreading



Final Encounter by Jean Hulme - Setting the Scene

Set in a railway station café, this story was inspired by the 1945 film 'Brief Encounter'.

A woman has returned to a station café to rekindle happy childhood memories of being there with her mother.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

The interior

All these years, the old familiar smell still lingers. I can taste the coal dust.

Hear the whistle

The counter

Tea, please

My dear

Collect a white cup and saucer

Noticing the changes

She nods

Table in the corner

Day of all days

Obliged

Clock on the wall

Roman numerals

Count the seconds

Long hand tick

Door opens

Lady enters with an excited child

Lou-Lou

Penguin biscuit

Enter in quick succession

Train is due

Chattering middle-aged ladies, possibly sisters

A youth

Sporting a black T-shirt

Couple enter

Deposits her husband in a chair

Drinks

Thursday

He loves the trains.

Alzheimer's you know. He settles here. He's used to it,

A train rumbles

Collect

The lady has to restrain her husband from rising

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She says gently
He sits down again
Meeting someone
Lived in Chorley he'd get off the train here for the hospital
Doctor
I'm used to it, my love
Mum used to bring me to the shops in Milford
Drink and a biscuit
6th anniversary of her death today
Silly, isn't it
Happened to my Alec
Laura
Is your Dad still alive?
South Africa
Couldn't settle
Back to this area
My train becomes due
Goodbye, Alec
I take his hand
Hold his gaze