

109 TOPCLIFFE  
I must speak to the Bellamy girl.

110 JAILOR  
Master Topcliffe, I fear that-

111 TOPCLIFFE  
How dare you move to slow me down.  
Out of the way.  
(infuriated)  
Open her cell, now.

112 JAILOR  
As you wish, Master Topcliffe.

THE LOCK IS UNDONE. A DOOR OPENS. WATER DRIPS.

18      INT. ANNETTE BELLAMY'S CELL - CONTINUOUS

BARE FEET ON STONE AS ANNETTE SLIDES BACK.

**START >>>** 113 ANNETTE  
Who's there?

114 TOPCLIFFE  
You know who it is, Annette.

115 ANNETTE  
Please, no. What do you want?  
You've come to torment me again? I  
told you everything.

116 TOPCLIFFE  
You are certain he is with your  
family now? I cannot risk another  
misstep in the eyes of the Queen.

117 ANNETTE  
I received a coded letter from my  
mother.  
(through tears)  
She never dreamed that I would  
betray her... Father Southwell has  
arrived at my family's estate.

118 TOPCLIFFE  
Excellent. Tonight, you shall be  
set free. You will meet with Father  
Southwell and ensure he performs  
Mass tomorrow. If you are proven  
correct, I shall uphold my part of  
the deal. You and your family will  
walk forward unharmed.

119 ANNETTE  
(quietly)  
And what of my soul?

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120 TOPCLIFFE  
Your soul is of no concern to me.

OMINOUS MUSIC PLAYS US OUT.

19      INT. THE BELLAMY RESIDENCE - SECRET CHAPEL - NIGHT

SOFT MURMURS, A PEACEFUL HUSHED REVERENCE.

121 ROBERT  
Brothers and sisters... First, I  
want to welcome back Annette  
Bellamy. I am deeply grateful to  
meet her in her new freedom.

A LIGHT CLAP FROM THE SMALL CONGREGATION.

122 ROBERT (CONT'D)  
As you all know well, we are not  
alone in our trials. The Saints,  
the newest martyrs... They walk  
beside us. Laying down our lives  
for God's truth is the greatest  
glory we can enter into. And if we  
are willing to give our lives to  
save a single soul, how much more  
gladly would we lay our lives down  
to win Queen Elizabeth's heart for  
the good of the realm? I pray it is  
still possible.

A pause.

123 ROBERT (CONT'D)  
Now new obstacle has presented  
itself to us: The Bloody Question.  
Prisoners are examined not by what  
they have done, but about what they  
might hypothetically do. And the  
only answer that will satisfy the  
Queen's judges is the one that will  
condemn them.

A pause.

124 ROBERT (CONT'D)  
And yet, there is hope. In this  
latest slaughter, the hacked root  
of Catholicism still flowers. And  
momentum is spreading.