

- CASILDA O Luis, Luiz - what have you said! What have I done! What have I allowed you to do!
- LUIZ Nothing, I trust that you will ever have reason to repent. (Offering to embrace her)
- CASILDA (Withdrawing from him) Nay, Luiz, it may not be. I have embraced you for the last time.
- LUIZ (amazed) Casilda!
- CASILDA I have just learnt, to my surprise and indignation, that I was wed in babyhood to the infant son of the King of Barataria!
- LUIZ The son of the King of Barataria? The child who was stolen in infancy by the Inquisition?
- CASILDA The same. But, of course, you know his story.
- LUIZ Know his story? Why, I have often told you that my mother was the nurse to whose charge he was entrusted!
- CASILDA True. I had forgotten. Well, he has been discovered, and my father has brought me here to claim his hand.
- LUIZ (Contd.) stand its import.
- CASILDA Nay, Luiz, respect my principles and cease to torture me with vain entreaties. Henceforth my life is another's.
- LUIZ But stay - the present and the future - they are another's; but the past - that at least is ours, and none can take it from us. As we may revel in naught else, let us revel in that!
- CASILDA I don't think I grasp your meaning.
- LUIZ Yet it is logical enough. You say you cease to love me?
- CASILDA (demurely) I say I may not love you.
- LUIZ Ah, but you do not say you did not love me?
- CASILDA I loved you with a frenzy that words are powerless to express - and that but ten brief minutes since!
- LUIZ Exactly. My own - that is, until ten minutes since, my own - my lately loved, my recently adored - tell me that until, say a quarter of an hour ago, I was all in all to thee! (Embracing her)
- CASILDA I see your idea. It's ingenious, but don't do that.
- (Releasing herself)
- LUIZ There can be no harm in revelling in the past.
- CASILDA None whatever, but an embrace cannot be taken to act retrospectively.
- LUIZ Perhaps not! Ah, Casilda, you were to me as the sun is to the earth!
- CASILDA And now our love, so full of life, is but a silent, solemn memory!
- LUIZ Must it be so, Casilda?
- CASILDA Luiz, it must be so!