

## Wie du - Like you

### **ELISABETH**

Tonight the family's visiting  
And that's the worst  
All the uncles and the aunts gossip and gloat  
And I wish I could escape  
From the fuss and the ado  
But the governess says no, it won't do  
Father, tell me why I cannot go with you

### **MAX**

It will not do.

### **ELISABETH**

Everything you love, I love even more

### **MAX**

No, it won't do

### **ELISABETH**

Writing poems spun from daydreams  
Or riding with the wind  
I want so much to be like you

### **MAX** (spoken)

*Life is too short to be bored for even one hour. And I'd rather have the plague than attend a family reunion.*

### **ELISABETH**

So would I!

Why can't I climb the cherry tree again today?

### **MAX**

Be glad, that you have it better than your sister

### **ELISABETH**

Or balance on the tightrope high above

### **MAX**

Helene is being groomed to be Empress

### **ELISABETH**

Or play with my brothers  
And run and laugh and shout

### **MAX**

I will not get involved.

### **ELISABETH**

No, the governess won't let me out!

### **MAX**

With that, I cannot help you

### **ELISABETH**

Father, tell me why I cannot go with you

### **MAX**

Maybe I'll be back tomorrow afternoon.

### **ELISABETH**

To Egypt, or Spain, or Kathmandu

**MAX**

Time I left!

**ELISABETH**

Living free like an eagle

With the wind beneath my wings

To do what I love

**MAX**

Goodbye, Sisi.

**ELISABETH**

And love what I do

**MAX**

Be good.

**ELISABETH**

I want so much to be like you

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