

Monologue from The Sound of Music

Maria: Your children are just unhappy little marching machines.

Captain: I don't care to hear from you about my children.

Maria: I know you don't, Captain, but you've got to! Take Liesl for example. Liesl isn't a child anymore! And if you keep treating her as one, you're going to have a mutiny on your hands! And Friedrich - Friedrich is afraid to be himself - he's shy, he's aloof, he needs your confidence!

Captain: Don't tell me about my son.

Maria: Brigitta could tell you about him. That's because she notices things. She always tells the truth - especially when you don't want to hear it. Kurt - Kurt is sensitive, he's easily hurt, and you ignore him! You brush him aside just like you do all the others! I haven't finished yet! Louisa, Louisa wants to have a good time. Oh please Captain, let her have a good time! Marta - Marta I don't know about yet but someone has got to find out about her! And Gretl, oh little Gretl just wants to be loved! Oh please captain, love them, love all of them, they need you!