

# DISAPPOINTMENT

## Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte (1847)

...Well, first of all it turned out that he hadn't got a car, so we had to go into town by bus. Then we only had chicken and chips in a pub instead of the promised three-course dinner at the new restaurant! To cap it all, we spent the rest of the evening at that broken-down old local cinema instead of going to see Pavarotti at the Opera House!

### Discussion

Who is this letter from, and to?

What would you have done in this situation?

Can you remember a particularly disappointing incident in your childhood?



### The extract

ONE FINE summer morning – it was the beginning of harvest, I remember – Mr Earnshaw, the old master, came down stairs, dressed for a journey; and, after he had told Joseph what was to be done during the day, he turned to Hindley and Cathy, and me – for I sat eating my porridge, with them – and he said, speaking to his son,

5 'Now, my bonny man, I'm going to Liverpool to-day... What shall I bring you? You may choose what you like; only let it be little, for I shall walk there and back; sixty miles each way, that is a long spell!

Hindley named a fiddle, and then he asked Miss Cathy; she was hardly six years old, but she could ride any horse in the stable, and she chose a whip.

10 He did not forget me; for he had a kind heart, though he was rather severe, sometimes. He promised to bring me a pocketful of apples and pears, and then he kissed his children good-bye, and set off.

15 It seemed a long while to us all – the three days of his absence – and often did little Cathy ask when he would be home. Mrs Earnshaw expected him by supper-time, on the third evening; and she put off the meal hour after hour; there were no signs of his coming, however, and at last the children got tired of running down to the gate to look – Then it grew dark, she would have had them to bed, but they begged sadly to