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From *Love, Liz* by Lauren Grove

Queen Elizabeth, 20s, angrily responds to the King of Spain's threatening letters.

ELIZABETH: King Phillip, I have received your many letters. My delay in responding was only due to how thoroughly I considered your offer. I do not owe my throne to your influence, sir. I owe it to my people. And it is with my people's interests at heart that I emphatically reject your proposal. I am proudly Protestant and could never change my views. The English Protestants remember all too well the human bonfires you and my sister lit, fueled by men and women, priests and peasants. Perhaps you never heard the song my people sang during your joint reign. Allow me to enlighten you, your majesty.

(Reciting.)

"God, save the faithful of your land,
We are not well treated in Phillip's hands,
When these with violence were burned to death.
We wished for our Elizabeth!"

They wished for their Elizabeth. Well, here I am, and here I will stay! My people are against this match. My parliament is against this match. And, most importantly and most vehemently, I am against this match. It is time you learn I am not my sister. Do not think to threaten me with your inquisition or your precious armada. Men fight wars, Phillip, but women win them! Signed, the undoubted, true queen of England, Elizabeth I.