of the permanence it gives him, the same permanence that terrifies Elizabeth Elliot, by examining how powerfully poetry has affected Benwick, and consoled him in a time when no one else could, and finally by examining the power that letter-writing has for Captain Wentworth, how it embodies the strength of mind and willingness to commit that he holds in such high regard, it is easy to see how highly Jane Austen respects writing. In the novel of Persuasion, writing offers resolve.

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