

Notes in the bottle:

1. I am most seriously displeased that no one has set out to rescue me. Although I cannot tell you under what constellation I lie, I must say, I would have been a most proficient astronomer had I studied, so I must insist you send a ship to find me immediately. You may rescue one or two others with me, if they are not too large.
2. I've pierced my hull!
Tell me not that I am too lost... I would like to come to you with a heart even more your own. I am half drowned, half parched. One work – one lifeboat from you will determine whether I enter your harbor now or never.
3. Dearest Anne,
I have come aground on an island, Long Island, if my charts are accurate. If I only had some sextants, I think I could get home. My dear one, it's hard to believe that after these years of pain and regret, our felicity may be cut short.
Always know that I will love you, pray for you and hope that all may be saved.
My heart to you.....
4. Dear Madam,
Having heard much of your great efficiency, activity, and devotion in the service of others, I take the liberty of sending this note to implore your assistance in rescuing me.
Before I continue, allow me to assure you that I am in a position to offer a large cash reward to my rescuer.
I would entreat that, with your usual dispatch, you rush to my aid – I am freezing in this sea, and look forward to warming myself in one of your great lengths of green baize.
5. To: A Compassionate Gentleman
Abandoned. Alone. Available.
(Signed) Maria Betram (Mrs. Rushworth-that-was)
P.S. My Aunt naps from 4 to 6 every afternoon. Come!
6. Dear Rescuer,
Due to no fault of my own, I found myself swimming towards this island after a horrific accident. Unfortunately, I fell off the H.M.S. Cleopatra. My Captain, Charles Austen is surely missing my sage advice and counsel, as did my previous superior officers. My beloved family must think me dead and be grieving for me. I know my family will offer a good reward for my return. Please help!
Respectfully, Dick Musgrove