



It's time to open the pages of a literary favorite and travel north to Prince Edward Island where we meet Anne Shirley. Director Kimberly Trautman, assistant director/choreographer Shannon Snover, and musical director/accompanist Jenny Davis have brought **Anne of Green Gables** to life. You won't want to miss this charming production! Thank you to our amazing TTA's - Hannah Davis, Caroline Fendrick, Colin Hsieh, Seth Mabry, Gavin O'melia, Alex Patterson, Amanda Patterson, and Colin Snover for their hard work behind the scenes.

Anne is an orphan with an imagination that doesn't quit. It is one of the things that makes her so much fun! When she first meets Matthew, she is so excited that her imagination comes spilling out in a series of monologues. From them we learn that she is a little girl with high hopes. It seems that Anne wants a family - a family that will love every freckle on her face, and every red hair on her head. Because she has never had this kind of love, she has imagined a world in which it exists, and that world is filled with wonder. Anne delights in the world of her imagination, and when reality doesn't agree with her imaginings, she struggles to find her place of love and acceptance.

Isn't that just like us? We have our own ideas about the way that things ought to be, and then we hit a bump in the road, and wonder how things have suddenly gone so very wrong. Then the pity party begins - you know the one. It isn't my fault...if only everyone would see my point...no one understands me...I'm just trying to...and so on. Suddenly we have gone from feeling loved and accepted to the world crashing down around us. Our imagination takes off, and what started as just a bump in the road has become a mountain that has to be conquered.

In **Anne of Green Gables**, Mrs. Allan reminds Anne that when a challenge comes her way, she should stay the course and not become distracted by her circumstances. She relates it to being on a walk, and suddenly being surrounded by fog. She tells our young heroine, "You're on the right path, Anne. Don't let a little cloudiness make you panic and lose your bearings. Keep walking on that same path. I just know the fog is going to lift."

Small steps in the right direction yield results and hope lies in knowing that God has a plan, even if we can't see it all worked out! Like Anne, we must set our circumstances aside, know that we are loved by Jesus, and walk forward in faith. When you can't see the end of the path, you just keep walking and trust that God is guiding the adventure! He is faithful to carry you safely to the end of the journey, all you do is walk one step at a time!

KEY VERSE: *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1*

