



Marianne North in Ceylon. (1879) Photograph by Julia Margaret Cameron.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A HAPPY LIFE

A VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND (1881)¹

Marianne North (1830-1890)



Sixty hours after time my ship arrived, and I had to leave a large dinner-party at Government House to go on board, where, thanks to my kind friends, I found a cabin kept for me. It was frightfully cold, and I huddled myself up in my opossum rug and read Miss E.'s new novel and Disraeli's *My poor little mice* were half frozen, and cold as apples ; but I

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