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BRENDAN - ROSE SIDE 1

BRENDAN'S APARTMENT. - NIGHT

START

*We hear the Barcarole from his boom box. Rose stands at Brendan's doorway. Box in hand.*

ROSE

Hi. My turn to apologise.

BRENDAN

Come in. Come in.

*He turns off the music. The Woman is sitting in her armchair in Brendan's apartment. The Letter box is open and the harmonica beside it. Rose steps in.*

ROSE

I didn't want to disturb ...

BRENDAN

No. I was just looking out the window...

ROSE

My brother ...

BRENDAN

Oh yeah. He was very nice.

*She hands him some American chocolates.*

ROSE

These are Hershey's. American.

BRENDAN

You shouldn't -

ROSE

Stop. My brother, he's overprotective and I was a bit quick with you when you stopped by.

BRENDAN

No. No. You were lovely. Thank you again. The lot is perfect -  
Would you like a cup of tea?

ROSE

I'm working in the morning. I should go.

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~~WOMAN~~~~No don't go. Don't let her go.~~

BRENDAN

Or whiskey.

~~WOMAN~~~~Go!~~

ROSE

No thank you. I'll have some tea then.

*Brendan goes to make her some tea with Woman following. Rose goes and looks out the window.*

ROSE

You can see the Stop and Shop from here. It's a good place to watch your car.

~~WOMAN~~~~She's got lovely hair, Brendan and a nice figure~~*She starts looking through his Cd's.  
He puts the Kettle on the stove and turns the stove on.*

BRENDAN

Milk, sugar?

ROSE

It's fine black or honey. If you've got honey.

~~WOMAN~~~~Yanks always make it a little awkward don't they?~~*Brendan looks for honey.*

BRENDAN

(To Rose)

No honey. I can run down to the store.

*Rose admiring the box on the table.*

ROSE

No. No. Fine. I'm fine.

*Brendan comes out of the kitchen.*

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ROSE  
That is a lovely box.

*Brendan nods ok and she opens it.*

BRENDAN  
It's just letters.

ROSE  
From a girlfriend?

BRENDAN  
Four letters from my mother and one from my sister. →

~~ROSE  
Oh that is so nice. Wow. And you keep them in a box.~~

~~WOMAN  
I should have written more. But I didn't even know if you got them. Coz you never wrote back did ya?~~

~~ROSE  
How often do you get to see them?~~

~~BRENDAN  
Well I haven't been home since I left, am, five years ago.~~

~~ROSE  
Oh, I see.~~

~~BRENDAN  
(Embarrassed)  
And we haven't written in a little while~~

~~ROSE  
Don't you call her?~~

~~WOMAN  
Tell her.~~

*A car siren goes off and Brendan jumps up to look out the window.*

~~ROSE  
It's not yours is it?~~

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~~BRENDAN~~  
~~No, I just got nervous.~~

*Sitting beside her*

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ROSE  
Can I ask you a question?

BRENDAN  
Oh yeah.

ROSE  
What do you see when you look at me?

BRENDAN  
I see -

ROSE  
Do you see the portwine -

BRENDAN  
Not really. I mean I know it's there but -

ROSE  
How can you not see it?

BRENDAN  
Because it doesn't matter I think.

ROSE  
Are you making fun of me?

BRENDAN  
No.

ROSE  
I've never had a boyfriend. You know. Isn't that sad?  
(Pause)  
Listen. I'll go. I have an early start

BRENDAN  
You don't want tea?

ROSE  
I'll go.

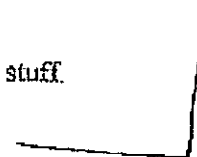
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*Rose walks out.*

BRENDAN

(Says after her)

Can I ... I'll be at the Stop and Shop tomorrow. I have to get some honey and stuff.



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