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# Lovely, Still

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Okay.

You got it? I got it. I got it.

It must be stuck. One, two, three.

Watch out. Watch out. Watch out.

Happy holidays, everyone, from

all of us to all of you...

at Cedar Heights Shop and Save.

Mom.

Oh, Alex. What are you doing here?

Let's go.

Sir?

Robert?

Mike wants to speak with you.

Oh. Okay.

So, would you say that you have

a lot of stocking experience?

I don't know.

I guess. I help my grandma put

her groceries away every week.

Grandma's groceries. How old

is your grandma? - Uh, 82 or 83.

I'm not sure at this point. Eighty-two?

I don't know.

Don't touch those.

Look,

I'm just gonna be straight with you.

Do you think you're Cedar

Heights Shop and Save material?

I mean, do you wanna become

a part of this family?

I don't know. I guess I

do. - You guess you do?

Yeah. You guess?

Okay. Well, look...

Peter? Yeah. Peter.

I'm just gonna be honest with you.

I'm not sure you want this bad enough.

In fact, I know you don't

want this bad enough.

Because I've got guys lined up

around the block. Not today...

Okay. Well, thanks for your time.

Well... No, no. Okay.

Mike.- Hey, Robert.

Um, okay, Peter, look, how about this?

How about we give it a month, and then we'll see where we're at.

Okay? All right. Okay. Thanks.

Can I have one of these?

No, you leave that there.

Yeah. Right up the stairs. Thanks.

Robert. How's work going today?

Uh, fine.- Yeah?

Yeah, they said you needed to talk with me?

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Have a seat. Have a seat.

Ah, busy day. Busy day

here at Shop and Save.

We got a lot of...

Fix that later.

Whatever.

Uh, so, Robert, how's the whole everything?

Fine.

Yours?- Great.

In fact, it's great that you asked, because...

I have something you need to see.

Now, I think I found something that could really help us all out.

I don't want to hype it up too much.

I'm just gonna cut to the chase here. Okay?

Okay. I truly think that this...

could change the way we celebrate the holiday season.

Are you ready?

Are you ready, sir?

Uh, yeah. Yeah? Okay.

These are...

Christmas recipe books, stuffed full of holiday-themed dinners and desserts...

everything from St. Nick Stew to my personal favorite, Christmas tree-shaped cookies... all delicious.

I've made many of them myself. Really?

Y-You made them yourself?

No. It's... It's part of the pitch.

Oh. Look, Robert, I'm not trying to sell you this thing. I want us to go into business together, you and me. I don't understand.- Okay. Look, all I have to do is get a team of people working under me, and then they get a team of people working under them, and then we all start profiting off of each other. See, the more people we get involved, the more money we make. There's no chance we can fail if we never give up. Well, yeah, that makes sense to me. Yes. Yes. Okay. So, what do you think? Should we get everyone up in the store selling these things? Huh? Granted, it might be kind of weird... to have all of the employees of this place all of a sudden be millionaires. Right? I'll... I'll think about it, yeah. Hey, do you want, uh, one of these? Take it home? Give it to someone you care about? Maybe another time. Uhhuh. All right.- Well, good-bye for now. Okay. Hey, do you want a ride home today or anything? Uh, no. I feel like walking. Yeah. All right.- Bye. Hi. I'm sorry for... for coming in like this, but... I don't know who you are. I-I'm sorry. Get out. I'm sorry for coming in like this. Take what you want. Get out of my house. My daughter and I are moving in... across the street, and... Get out of here. I didn't invite you here. Leave now, please.

The door was open, and I-I... I just wanted to make sure you weren't hurt. Hurt? I was just seeing that you're okay. That I was okay?- Your car is crashed into the garage. Yeah. I just wanted to make sure that everything was all right. And then the door was open. Yeah, the door was open. But that doesn't mean you walk into somebody's house. All right, I'm sorry. Please, I promise you. Wait, wait. Just wait. Wait. Wait. Huh? Wait. Who are you? My name is Mary. My name is Robert Malone. Nice to meet you, Robert. Nice to meet you. This is a funny thing. Yes, it is. Well... Well, I should be getting back. Yeah. Thanks for checking on me. Of course. Bye. Well... Bye. Bye. Good-bye. Robert. Mary. Yes. Hi. I was just wondering... Um, I don't know. This may sound crazy. But I... Um, could we have dinner together tomorrow? Uh... I was... I was... I'm sorry. Don't... I made a mistake. - Excuse me. - But-But-But... No, no, no. But... No, no. Please, stop. Stop. Please. Please stop. Wait. Yes. Yes? Yes. We should have dinner together tomorrow. Oh, great.- Great.

Okay. Okay.  
Um... Shouldl pick you up since...  
Yeah. Yeah. That would be good.- Yeah.  
How did that happen?  
I had to use the restroom.  
Okay. I'll see you tomorrow.  
Okay. See you tomorrowat

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Bye.  
Robert.- Yes?  
You should pick a place  
for us to go on our date.  
Date. Date.- Yeah.  
Sure.  
Okay.  
Night.- Bye.  
Robert?- Yeah?  
I'm really glad we met.  
Me too.  
Good night. Night.  
Have yourself  
A merry little Christmas  
Let your heart be light  
Next year all  
Our troubles will be out of sight  
Someday soon  
We all will be together  
If the Fates allow  
Until then  
We'll have to muddle through somehow  
One, two, and then on the third, you...  
Shit. Sorry. Thanks.  
Sorry. So have yourself  
A merry  
Little Christmas  
Now  
Mary.  
What are you doing tonight, Robert?  
What are youdoing tonight, Robert?  
Oh, you know.  
You're going on a date.  
You're going on a date.  
A date?

I can't do this.  
I've gotta do it.  
I-I need to ask you some-some questions.  
Okay. What, uh... What are they?  
Well, they're ab...  
about women.  
Women? Yeah.  
Yeah. You wanna ask  
me questions about women.  
What... What it is, is, uh...  
this, uh... um...  
There's this woman.  
She likes me. I think she likes me. Sure.  
But I, um... Anyway, she  
wants to go on a date.  
Oh, I can help you.  
You can? Yes, I can.  
Good. Good. Mm-hmm.  
What do I do?- Well...  
You wanna impress her, right? Yes.  
And make her happy? Show  
her a good time? Yes. Yes.  
When is this date, Robert?  
Yes. Uh, tonight.  
Tonight? Well, that's pretty short notice.  
Oh, I'm sorry. Don't be sorry.  
It's just with such short notice, it's  
hard to plan out a whole strategy.  
Strategy? Yeah. Never mind. Look.  
What? If you want her to really be into you,  
you can't look at this as a date. I can't?  
No. But there is a lot of planning  
that goes into these things,  
a lot of strategies. Uh-huh.  
It's like you're a soldier. A soldier?  
Soldier. Yes, a soldier of love.  
Oh. Well... Yeah. Yeah.  
Absolutely. Yeah. So, are you ready?  
I mean... I'm ready.  
'Cause I have a lot of  
ideas that can help you out.  
Good. I need help. Good.  
Well, Peter, would you, uh,  
get me the phone book, please?

Yellow or white? White.  
And look up the number for the  
restaurant Fantaisie et Romantique.  
Oh, hey, look.  
These are from the, uh... the cookbook.  
Why don't you try one?  
Mmm. Good.- Ah, that's  
great. That's great.  
No, I love these things, you know?  
It's just...  
Good.- You like them?  
I'm telling you, those are  
million-dollar cookies right there.  
A million each. Yeah.  
All right, take your time.  
Thank you.  
You're not gonna regret this, Robert.  
How may I help you?  
Oui. Yes.  
Um, could I get a, uh... a reservation...  
for, uh, dos.  
Robert Malone, please.  
What ti... What time? Tonight.  
Tonight. What time tonight?-  
She's picking me up at 6:00.

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Okay.  
Um... Uh, gracias.  
They said, uh, just bring a credit card.  
Simple as that. Good. Good. Thank you.  
Well, you know, I do have a  
few more tricks up my sleeve.  
Thank you. It's...  
You do like the cookie? I love the cookie.  
Because you're not finishing it.  
You're just holding it.  
No, no. Which is fine. I'm just saying.  
No. I know. I like it. I  
wanna save it for later.  
Psst. Uh, psst. What? Robert.  
I hate to bother you while you're working,  
but I've got a question to ask you.  
Okay. What is it? Well, I wanna ask you...



Mike helped me a great deal,  
but I need a little...  
What is it, Robert?  
When you go out on a date...  
You have any tips?  
Take her someplace fancy.  
I suggest downtown.  
Oh, and then afterwards, you can snuggle up  
on one of those horse-drawn carriage rides.  
Hello.  
Oh, no.  
Hello.  
Compliment her. Tell her how nice she is,  
how pretty she looks in  
her dress, her shoes.  
Oh! Her shoes!  
Okay. Compliment her.  
Your shoes look amazing tonight.  
Wow! Your shoes look amazing tonight. Oh.  
Look at your shoes, how...  
wonderful they look. Oh.  
Kiss her.- Don't kiss  
her. Even if you want to.  
Oh, really? That's very funny.  
Act like she means nothing to  
you.- But she means a lot to me.  
No way, man. When girls see you don't  
care, they want you even more.  
They'll be like, "Bobby, put  
down the video game controller."  
And you'll be like, "No. I'm  
a lone wolf on this mission.  
I gotta fly solo." That's the  
stupidest thing I ever heard.  
"Stupidest."  
That's not a word.  
White shirt, black pants, black shoes...  
and a black blazer with a red tie.  
This combination will always result...  
in good results.  
Do you need help? Oh, I do.  
I can't get this.  
Thanks, hon.  
You look pretty.- Alex.

I know you don't want me to do this,  
but it's something I have to do.  
I just worry, Mom.- There's  
nothing to worry about.  
How can you say that? This is a bad idea.  
All right, Alex, thank you very much.  
I've heard enough.  
I'm gonna do it.  
The dream alive.  
- Mom!  
- I'm going out on a date! That's all I'm doing!  
Would you please just relax?  
Who knows? Maybe we won't even get along.  
Shadows  
On the mistletoe  
No one to kiss you  
You're alone  
I'm looking at your gift  
I wonder where you are  
On someone's arm  
I'm dry  
And warm  
I face the fire  
My hands are cold.  
Hi. Hello.  
Are you ready?  
Yes. I-I do... I-I have directions.  
Oh! Okay.  
Take me away. Okay.  
Thank you.  
What did you... What did you order again?  
It's like a salad.  
That's a... great choice.  
Mm, thanks.  
You... You look very nice tonight.  
Oh. Thank you.  
And... your shoes look very nice too.  
Oh! Thank you again. I... I...  
I just mean that you... you look  
very nice, that's what I...  
So, you had to go to the restroom?  
No, I'm okay.  
No, no. I meant your car.  
You said you had to go to the restroom and

that's why it was stuck in the garage.  
Yeah. Right.  
So, what happened?  
Oh. I...  
I was backing the car out of the garage,  
and I closed the garage door,  
and then I had to go.  
Something like that almost  
happened to me once.  
Really? No.  
Don't feel bad.  
How does your food taste?  
Oh, it's... it's fine.  
You don't like it, do you?  
Well, to be honest, I think  
it could taste better.  
I mean, I think it looks nice, but I  
think it could taste better, I think.  
Mine's horrible.  
And this is coming from  
somebody who eats TV dinners.  
I love TV dinners. Yes.  
Okay.  
I've seen you before.  
Where? When I go shopping.  
You mean at... at the store?  
Yeah. Every day you eat and  
you sketch pictures.  
And I snuck a peek, and I  
think they're really good.  
You've been watching me? I  
think you're a real artist.  
Oh.  
Good one. No, no, no. It's true.  
Well, thank you.  
When I was a little girl,  
my favorite book to read was  
Grimm's Fairy Tales.  
Oh, I wanted life to be like that.  
You know, find true love and  
live happily ever after.  
You know, all the dreams we have growing up.  
And then... everything changes.  
You know, every year that goes by just...

It'll all be okay.  
There's no chance to fail...  
if you don't give up.  
Oh!  
Let's make each other a promise, okay?  
A promise? A-A-A promise of what?  
That we'll never give up.  
Okay.  
So, how do you like working at  
the grocery store?  
Oh, it's fine. It's fine, you know.  
There's more to it than meets the  
eye, you know. Oh, I'm sure.  
Yeah.  
You go on dates often? This is my  
first one since my husband left.  
Oh.  
Hop on in.  
Oh, thank you. Hey, do...  
do I pay you now or...  
You can pay me after the ride.  
Okay. Thank you.  
Get in all right? Yeah.  
Do you think it's safe?  
Oh, of course it's safe.  
No, it's safe. Yeah?  
Mm-hmm.  
Here. Yeah. Oh. Thank you.  
You're welcome. Merry Christmas!  
Oh, I'm really enjoying this.  
The lights are so pretty.  
They are, aren't they? Yeah.  
It's getting kind of cold though.  
Yeah. I wish they had another blanket.  
I've got an idea.  
Why don't we both use this one?  
Okay.  
That's good.  
Oh, there.  
Thank you. You're welcome.  
I think I've finally gotten warm.  
You're okay now? I'm fine, yes.  
I had a good time tonight. Oh, me too.  
Yeah? Yeah.

Okay. Okay. Yeah.  
What's that?  
Um, it soundslike singing.  
Oh. Well.  
Oh. It's beautiful.  
Yes, it is.  
Fall  
On your knees  
Oh, hear  
The angel voices.  
So,  
how was our first date? O night  
Divine  
O night.  
It... When Christ was born.  
It...  
Was wonderful? It was... wonderful.  
Wonderful.  
Divine  
O night I wish it would...  
go on for more.  
Well, we're gonna seeeach other tomorrow.  
O night divine  
Good.  
Good night!  
Good night!  
You happy, Mom?  
I'm so happy.  
I'm sorry about before.  
I just wanna protect you.  
I know, honey.  
That's all right.  
This is the right thing.lt really is.  
You have to trust me.  
Okay.  
I trust you.  
That's my girl.  
I love you, Mom.I love you too, honey.  
Good night.  
I'm glad you had fun.  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and  
sing a sleighing song tonight  
Jingle bells

Ji-Jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
And here's the question. Yes, I'm ready.  
Hello, sir. My name is Damien Montgomery.  
I was curious if you'd be interested in  
buying sleds to keep kids off the streets.  
Well, how much? - Five dollars.  
Oh. Uh...  
Did the phone just ring? - No.  
Are you sure? - Yes.  
Oh. So, how much... how much  
are they? - Five dollars.  
All... All right. I'll, uh...  
I'll take a sled.  
Man, is that all you're going to spend  
to help keep the kids off the streets?  
Well, I'll... Oh.  
Wait.  
Don't hang up. Wait, wait, wait.  
Don't hang up.  
Hello. Mary?  
No. No, I'm perfectly  
happy with my phone service.  
Look... Look... Look, don't...  
don't... What?  
Good-bye.  
Damn it!  
Yes? Oh.  
Hi. Oh, Mary.  
So, why didn't you call?  
Oh, I was just about to.  
Oh.  
So, did you, uh, plan any  
things for today fun?  
Fun?  
What are those?  
Hey, wait for me. Oh, sorry.  
I haven't come here since  
I was a kid. It's great.  
Yeah, we used to come and cut  
down our Christmas trees here.  
But I don't think they let you do that  
anymore. Oh, I'm sure they don't.  
Oh, I wanted to ask you a question. Yeah?

I would just love it if  
you would be my date...  
for this party on Christmas Eve.  
I'd love to. You would?  
Of course I'll... I'll go. Sure.  
Really? Yeah. Why wouldn't I?  
Well, I don't know how to answer that.  
Hey.  
It's so beautiful...  
if we just slow down  
enough to really see it.  
I've never seen it before.  
I may...  
I may have wasted my whole life.  
Robert, stop it. You haven't.  
I have.- No, you didn't.  
Don't think about the past.  
The past is just...  
something we can't do anything about.  
And the future is... Who knows?  
It could be wonderful or...  
it could be something else.  
We don't know.  
So...  
let's just be happy now.  
All right.  
Let's just care about right now.  
I can't wait to give  
you your Christmas present.  
My Christmas present? Yeah.  
It's perfect.  
Oh. Good.  
You wanna go down again?  
Yeah. Come on.  
You comin'?-  
Mike?  
Jingle bells.  
So, what are we gonna get her?  
Jingle all the way I wanna  
get her the perfect gift.  
Oh, what fun it is to ride Uh-huh.  
And what is that?  
It's the perfect gift. Ah. Can  
you be a little more specific?

Well, I don't know what it is yet,  
but I will know what it  
is when I see it. Okay.

- Jeans? Is she a jean wearer?

- No, no, no.

All right, well, we'll figure it out.  
Are you seeing anything that kind  
of resemble the perfect gift?

Here. How about that? That looks good.  
I don't know about that.

Are those the right sizes?

Uh, yeah. Probably.

Robert, look at this. Hey! Hey!

What? A lot of stuff here.

What do you say? Oh, okay.

This is something else. I... I  
would wear this. I wouldn't.

No. No.

Ah. Here we go. Give her this.  
She'll like it.

Really? Yeah. Trust me.

Maybe that's the perfect  
one. We don't know right now.  
Maybe later on we will know.

I don't like that color.

See, this is progress. We're figuring  
stuff out. I'm not sure she'll like that.  
Cute, right?

Yeah. They're adorable, if you're  
shopping for a five-year-old.

God, you're lucky you brought me.

Jingle bells, jingle  
bells Jingle all the way

- Oh, what fun it is to ride.

- What's going on?

In a one-horse open sleigh.

This is it. This is the gift.

Okay. Well, what about all this stuff?

Well... Well, that's all  
need, you know, but...

Okay. Just in case, we  
better get this stuff too.

Okay. Jingle bells.

Thanks, Mike. I really appreciate it. Yeah.



All right. That was fun. That was great.

Thank you.

I'll see you in the morning.

Okay. Have a good night.

Yeah, you too, Robert.

Hey, uh, Robert. Hey, Robert.

Hi. I'm Alex, Mary's daughter.

Oh. Hello. Hi.

So, what have you got there?

Presents.

For me?

Uh, no.

No. I know. I'm kidding.

Yeah.

It's freezing, huh?

Maybe you should go back inside.

I don't want you to catch cold or anything.- All right.

Um, I just wanted to say, Robert, if you ever need anything, anything at all, you just come on over and ask.

I'm happy to help. Oh, that's very nice of you. Thank you.

All right. Nice meeting you.

And you. Okay. Okay.

Good night. Night.

Hey, Robert?

My mom, she really likes you.

You make her happy, which makes me happy.

Good night. Good night.

Hello.

Mary?- Hi.

Hello.

I missed you today.

Missed me?

Hmm, yeah.- Well, I missed you too.

Okay. I just called to say that...

and to ask if you wanna, um, spend the day with me tomorrow.

What, the whole day?

What do you think?

You can take a day off of work.

Okay. I mean, that sounds lovely.

Great.

Well, I guess I'll see you  
tomorrow morning then.

Yes.

Good night.

Robert?

Hey, Robert. Guess what.

What? Hey, are you, uh,  
not coming into work today?

Uh... Mike, are you following me?

No.

Hey, guess what. What?

You're not gonna believe it if I tell  
you, but last night... I met somebody.

Ah. Yeah.

That I think m... means a lot to me.

Really? Yeah.

Well, good for you. Where did you meet her?

God, she's amazing, Robert. You know?

We're gonna go see Fiddler  
on the Roof tonight. Great.

Great. I'm so happy for you, Mike. I mean,  
you were kind of an inspiration,  
you know... you and Mary. Oh, no.

No. Yeah, so thank you.

That's silly. Whoa, whoa. You know...

Hey, how are things with Mary?

Good? Fine, fine.

Yeah? Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey!

- Hey! Hey! Hey!

- Oh!

You know, I don't know what the deal is.

They see me, they just see a big  
target walking around or something.

You know what? Do your worst, kids!

You can't break my spirits today!

You can't! You can't do it!

You little ass... shits!

Hey, hey! Easy, easy. Next thing you  
know, they'll be egging my house.

What, we're gonna live in fear of these little  
punks our whole lives? You little punks!

Well, it's pretty sad when two grown men  
are afraid to make fun of 10-year-olds.

Well, I guess so.  
Uh... Uh, I do hate them though.  
Well, I mean... It's not a big deal.  
All right, well, I better get to the store there, Robert. Oh, yeah.  
All right. Hey, what are you doing today? Well...  
I was... planning on spending it with Mary.  
Oh. If that's okay with you.  
That's great. Good.  
Just have fun, you know? Yeah.  
Tomorrow's the big, um,  
Christmas eve party.  
I can't wait.  
Practically the whole town goes.  
Yeah.  
Oh, look at the moon.  
I love the moon.  
It's always there.  
Even when we can't see it,  
it's still circling around us.  
If you want,  
I'll be there for you.  
What I want is to spend Christmas with you.  
Well, uh...  
What's the matter?  
A real Christmas.  
I've never spent a Christmas  
with anyone before.  
Is that a "yes"?  
Yes.  
Good.  
Don't let it kick you down  
I think of  
Birthdays with you  
And two silent  
Small clouds Wow.  
I think I will  
Not take the pill -  
I think I will  
Stay with you still  
Don't make me cry  
With my eyes  
I'll give you my heart

If it still works  
Oh!  
Mom, where you going?  
I just have to go outfor a minute.  
I'll... I'll be right back.  
Hello. Hi. Good evening.How can I help you?  
Could you refill thisfor me, please? Okay.  
I'm sorry, but I can'trefill  
this for you now.  
Why not? Um, there's a  
flagon the prescription.  
You're gonna haveto wait  
till Monday, if that's okay.  
Oh, no. I-I can't...  
can't wait until Monday.  
I... This is all arrangedwith my doctor.  
Well, if you'd like, you can call  
your doctorand arrange something,  
but I'm afraidl can't do anything.  
He's away for the holidays.  
Please. This is very important.I  
have to have thisbefore Monday.  
Ma'am, that would bebreaking the law.  
Well, is there somebody elsel can talk to?  
I-I... I can't.  
No.  
[ "Twelve Days Of Christmas" ]  
Do you promise to love me forever?  
Okay. Uh, "Toxic Love," a haiku.  
"You smiled so sweetly...  
"at Fiddler on the Roof.  
"Thank you, Rachel.  
Bye."  
Do you think she'll like it,  
or is it too much too soon?  
Why is it called "Toxic Love"?  
Mary! Hi, honey!  
Merry Christmas.Oh, merry Christmas.  
This is my new friend, Robert Malone.  
This is my cousin Jackie.  
It's nice to meet you, Robert.  
Nice to meet you too. Oh...  
Um, and, by the way, Buck  
was looking for you.

Oh, thank you. So merry Christmas, sweetie.

- Here you go.

- Thank you.

You sure you're okay?

Yeah, just a littlenervous  
aboutmeeting people.

Ah, you don't have to benervous about that.

They're just people.

And this is Lisa. How do you do?

And Harold. Very nice to meet you, Robert.

Very nice to meet you.

And this is Rufus.lt's a pleasure, Robert.

Uh... My, uh... My pleasure too.

Uh, so, uh, have you guysheard  
about theseChristmas recipe books?

Oh, yes. Sounds like a great opportunity.

Yeah, I think so.

Yeah. Be fun. Yeah. So...

Huh? I... I'm gonna getanother drink.

I'll go with you.No, no. You stay here.

You have fun.

I'll be right back.

Is this the little boy at play Hi.

I don't remember growing older

When did they

When did she get to be a beauty

Mary? Oh.

Hi, Robert. Hi, little girl.

Who are you?

What... What did...

What...

Sunrise, sunset

Sunrise, sunset

Swiftly flow

The days

Seedlings turn overnight

To sunflowers

Blossoming

As we gaze Oh, hey,

Robert, how's the store?

Fine. Fine. Excuse me.

Sunrise, sunset

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Swiftly

Fly the years  
One season following  
Another  
Laden with happiness  
And tears  
Seedlings turn overnight  
To sunflowers  
Blossoming even as  
We gaze.  
Hello, Robert.  
You're her ex-husband, aren't you?  
Excuse me?  
You're a worthless human being.  
What are you talking about?  
You left her. You hurt her.  
Mary? Don't you mention her name.  
Look, I don't know what was just  
going on, but I'm gonna find out.  
Robert, nothing happened. People like  
you do not deserve people like her!  
You stop it right now... Shut your mouth!  
New messages.  
Mary, this is Dr. Patrick. I  
got your message.  
No need to worry. I talked  
to the pharmacy and...  
Robert?  
Hey. Hey.  
How's it going?  
I think it's okay. She's taking care of it.  
Good.  
How you doing? Good. You having fun?  
Robert, put your coat on.  
I think I just made a mistake. Why?  
What's wrong?  
What? I'm sorry. Did I ruin the party?  
What are you talking about?  
I yelled at your husband. You what?  
Well, he was making... putting  
moves on you, and I...  
I didn't know whether that  
was right or not and...  
Are you still in love with him?  
Robert, what? Buck is not my husband.

And he certainly wasn't putting moves on me.  
No, but in the room upstairs...  
In the room upstairs she was  
giving me this to give to you.  
He gave me this? Yes.  
Oh. Oh, my God. I...  
Should I open it? No, no, no.  
Let's save it for Christmas, huh?  
Maybe I should go in and  
apologize. Oh, no, no, no, no, no.  
You know what? I think it was a mistake  
to come here in the first place.  
Let's just go. I want to be alone with you.  
Wait. What's that?  
What? Do you hear that?  
Yeah. Come here.  
I'm dreaming  
Of a white Christmas.  
Put your arms around me.  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten  
And children  
Listen  
To hear sleigh bells  
In the snow  
Merry Christmas.  
Merry Christmas.  
I know what's in this one. I...  
It's beautiful. Ah, you like it?  
Oh, I do. I love it.  
Just open it from me. You got me so many.  
Okay, you open that one. I got this.  
This is... This is fun.  
Oh! That just...  
Oh, I see. It goes with this.  
It's the same color.  
This...  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland  
Ooh, nice, a scarf. Here.  
This. But open this one  
first. This one goes with it.  
I'll put this here.  
He's singin' a song as we go along  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland

I thought you might like to try painting.  
I, uh... I know you'd be good at it.  
Wow.  
You know, I bet I would.  
I know you would, darling.  
I hope you paint something for me.  
I'll do my best.  
Terrific. Wow.  
Here. Open this one.  
I hope you like it.  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland  
Like us, right? Oh, it is so lovely.  
Perfect? Perfect.  
I'm so glad you like it.  
Oh, I just love it. It's  
so beautiful. Good.  
Oh.  
Hey. Want a cup of coffee? I'd love some.  
I'll get the coffee, and  
you open the presents.  
The rest are all for you.  
All for me? Great. All for you.  
I think Christmas coffee should...  
should have a lot of sugar.  
What you doing?  
What is this?  
What is this?  
You weren't supposed to see that.  
But why did you give  
yourself this as a present?  
I don't know.  
I don't know.  
You weren't going to kill yourself?  
Why?  
I was gonna end it because I was tired.  
Because I-I didn't want to  
be alone anymore, and I...  
But then... then I met you.  
Mary, don't leave me.  
Please don't leave me.  
I'm not leaving you. I mean, if you  
leave me, everything leaves me.  
I'm not gonna leave you. I'm here.  
You can't leave me.



Mary, I'm in love with you.  
This is what love is.  
When I saw you...  
Everything fit.  
You...  
It was like breathing.  
I've loved you sincethe  
first moment I saw you.  
Merry Christmas.  
Hi! Hi! Hi, Robert!  
Hi, Mom.  
You fixed the car. Yeah. And also...  
The garage! Garage door. Good as new.  
How did you do that? Why, thank you so much.  
Oh, you're welcome.  
This is terrific. It is. It's delicious.  
It's great.Tastes almosthomemade.  
Thank you for coming. The pie  
was wonderful.Thank you.  
Oh, it was.lt was so good.  
Merry Christmas, Robert.  
That was a lot of fun.Thank you, Mike.  
That was great. Yeah.  
Boy...  
...tore open the shudders  
and threw out the sash.  
I've been wanting to tell  
you something today,  
but I just couldn't get  
up the guts to do it.  
I know I've only known  
you for a week, but...  
but, Mary, when... when I'm with you...  
when I'm with you, it feels like...  
you've been heremy whole life.  
Like nothing was... bad before,  
even though it was.  
Just to warn you, tomorrow...  
Tomorrow, I...  
I'm gonna ask you to marry me.  
And if you say what I...  
what I hope you're gonna say,  
it-it'll make me...  
very, very happy.

Is that okay with you?  
God, I hope it is.  
Good night,  
Mrs. Robert Malone.  
Whoa. Whoa.  
Whoa.  
Mary?  
Where are you?  
Mary?  
Mary?  
Mary?  
Mary?  
Why did you leave me? Why...  
Mary, where are you?  
She isn't here.  
Oh, God.  
Ring. Call me.  
The number, the number, the number.  
The number.  
Ring.  
Please ring.- Why didn't you call?  
Ring. Ring. Call me, Mary. Call me.  
Please ring! Ring!  
Damn it! Damn it!  
What did I do wrong?  
May I... May I please speak to Mary? Hello?  
Put Mary on the phone! Please put Mary on!  
Don't... Don't hang up! Oh, God!  
Please. I love Mary. Please put her on the phone.  
Put her on the phone!  
Stop it! Put her on the phone!  
I've loved you since the  
first moment I saw you.  
My God.- Perfect.  
Please put her on the phone!  
Please put her on the phone!  
I don't know her name!  
Please put her on the phone!  
Put her on the phone!- No!  
What...  
I'm back.- Mary.  
Mary, where've you been?  
Why... Why did you leave me?  
What's the matter? Well... Well,

did I do something wrong?  
You didn't do anything  
wrong. It's been days.  
No, no, no. It's just been  
a few hours, honey. What?  
I tried to call you, but I  
only got a busy signal.  
Why don't I remember?  
Don't you remember we said good-bye  
to each other this morning?  
I'll see you later. If you  
need anything, just call Alex.  
I'm fine, I'm fine. I'm fine.  
Be careful. Bye. Love. Okay.  
Why don't I remember? I... You  
need to take your pill.  
Come on. Let's... No!  
This is a trick.  
You and Buck are playing a trick on me.  
This is wrong!  
No, Robert. Look at me. Look at me.  
It's okay. You're safe. I'm here.  
It's okay, honey.  
Where did you go? Why-Why did you leave me?  
It's okay. Everything is all right.  
Please don't leave me  
again. Please don't leave me...  
No, I'm never... Don't leave me.  
Oh, God. How can I make you understand  
it's you who's leaving me?  
No. I love you.  
Don't... Don't leave me for Buck, please.  
Buck is your brother.  
What?  
Oh, God, that look.  
What's wrong with my head? What's wrong?  
You need your pills. No! No!  
Come inside to get water. No!  
Hey, it's Robert. Hey. Get away from me!  
No, no, no. It's okay.  
Whoa, whoa, whoa. Hey.  
It's okay. Why are you here?  
Who are you? It's me. It's Mike.  
Mary... Where's Mary? Mary? You-You-You...

Where's Mary?- Mom, what's going on?  
Who's Mom?  
Robert, you have to take this.- No. No!  
Take this.- No! No! No, no.  
What's happening? Dad, hey...  
Shit. Is it locked?  
Yeah. Robert, come to the door, honey.  
Come on, Robert. I need to see your face.  
Where are the keys? They're inside.  
Robert, open the door!- Damn it. Robert!  
Robert?  
I don't know.  
Robert, open the door! Daddy!  
Mary.  
Come on, darling. Open the door, please.  
We all love you,  
Robert.- I don't know you!  
Yes, you do, honey.You just don't remember.  
I'm your wife.  
Please open the door, Robert.  
Oh, my God.  
Oh, my God.  
I forgot.  
Mary.  
Hi, kids.  
Dad? Call 911!  
Don't... Don't move him!  
What happened? Yeah.  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.  
No, we need an ambulance.  
Do you promise to love me forever?  
I promise.  
Merry Christmas, Mrs. Robert Malone.  
Merry Christmas, my darling husband.  
Oh, you brought it. Good. Thank you.  
Hey, so what'dthe doctor say?  
Hey, Mom.  
He thinks we oughtto give up.  
But...  
I don't agree.  
Take my coat, will you, honey? Yeah.  
Thanks. Let's go. Sure.  
Where we going? Oh,  
we're gonna go seemy love.

You all right?  
I'm feeling I shouldgo in alone.  
Okay. Okay.  
Hello, darling.  
Robert?  
Robert?  
Look what I brought you.  
Remember the perfect giftthat you gave me?  
Remember the carolersat Christmas?  
Remember, darling?  
Do you remember?  
I'm gonna put it right  
hereso you can look at it.  
Oh!  
Oh, I'm sorry I startled you.  
Mary.  
I promise...  
I'll love you forever.  
I heard you schemin' new pyramids  
Another big idea  
To get you rich  
Make a plan to love me  
Make a plan to love me  
Sometime soon  
You said you got a foot  
In the door  
You buy and then you sell  
You buy some more  
Make a plan to love me  
Make a plan to love me sometime soon  
Life's too short  
Death doesn't ask  
Owe you, owe you It don't owe  
You that  
Some things you lose  
You don't get back  
So just know what  
You have  
And make a plan to love me  
Make a plan to love me sometime soon  
When you're young the  
world is a Ferris wheel  
I know we will grow old  
It's lovely, still

Make a plan to love me  
Make a plan to love me sometime soon  
Life's too short  
To be a fool  
Owe you, owe you It don't owe  
You that  
Do what you feel  
Whatever's cool  
Have to, have to have  
to But I just have  
To ask  
Will you make a plan to love me  
Will you make a plan to love me  
You got to  
Will you make a plan to love me  
Sometime soon  
When I think of you  
I think good old times  
Green and gold times  
Times too lovely  
When I'm down and blue  
Just pick up the phone  
I know you'll laugh with me  
When I walk alone  
When you walk alone  
It's a long road  
A winding boulevard  
To heal a broken heart  
When you walk alone  
A fragrant fresh-cut lawn  
Chlorinated swimming pool  
Together we would jump  
With next to nothing on  
We'd jump the swinging fence  
As lightning takes the stage  
It takes with it our clothes  
And this is what we made  
A dream to drift along  
A tempest passing through  
These resilient trees  
Older than me or you  
When I dream of love