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# A Christmas Proposal

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Stop fidgeting.

Why do we have  
to see your dad?

I mean, maybe  
there's a problem.

Maybe there's something  
wrong with the financing.

You know, maybe  
it hit a snag.

Daddy.

Hey.

There's my little girl!

Hi.

Hi.

Sir, I just want  
you to know that I...

Sit, sit.

Okay.

Sit, sit, sit.

Great news.

Just finalized the deal  
for 70 percent of Fillmore  
for the new resort and spa.

Wow, 70 percent,  
that's phenomenal.

What about the other  
30 percent?

Well, made the town  
a generous offer,  
and they've agreed  
to give it to us.

Give?

Yeah, you know,  
eminent domain.

They're going  
to declare it a eyesore  
or blighted or something.

It's standard procedure.

Blighted? Fillmore, really?

Yeah. Hey, I need you  
to go up there tomorrow  
and get the city council  
to agree to it, too.

That's it. Bye, honey.  
Wait, wait, wait, sir.  
I don't really think I'm the  
right person for the job.  
What are you  
talking about?  
You're my number 1  
attack dog.  
Plus, I mean,  
isn't it your hometown?  
Yeah, that's the problem.  
Oh, that reminds me.  
If we work the financing  
by New Year's,  
we have to have  
the paperwork filed  
before the start  
of the holiday season.  
Okay, I totally  
understand that,  
but, sir,  
I really think...  
Hey, kid.  
What?  
You're not going  
in this alone.  
Okay?  
Yeah.  
You've got  
the light of my life,  
and more importantly,  
I put together this.  
It's me, it's awesome,  
and play it during the meeting.  
You're going to be fine.  
It's a small town, and I  
haven't been there in a while.  
And besides, I had  
that really special thing  
planned for this weekend.  
Yeah, I know.  
I'm sorry I'm being  
so insensitive.  
If I were you,

I would do that special thing  
on the way home,  
after you've made the deal  
and pleased your boss.  
You know? Do that.  
Yeah.  
This guy! I see, you know...  
Please.  
Have fun.  
He's...  
He's fantastic.  
I know.  
Well, guess we're  
going to Fillmore.  
When the Christmas lights  
are twinkling  
And the glistening snow  
has fallen  
Sleigh bells keep  
a perfect rhythm for  
A Christmas dance  
with you  
Time's suspended,  
hold me closer  
Underneath  
a starry blanket  
I'd give anything,  
including the moon  
For a Christmas dance  
with you  
I can't remember  
a feeling like this  
Such heavenly bliss  
Intoxicated by your kiss  
And if you should ask me  
I'll say I don't mind  
So were you able  
to reschedule  
the other thing  
we talked about?  
Well, once we wrap  
this proposal,  
then we'll get started  
on the other proposal.

I knew you'd  
work it out, buddy,  
Hold on a second.  
Yeah.  
That's great,  
you're kidding.  
That... that's fantastic news.  
Hold on a second.  
Uh-huh, sure.  
Okay, I'm back.  
So tell me, what is  
the big plan anyway?  
It's perfect,  
it's this great little  
town in Connecticut. It's...  
where we went on  
our first date.  
You know what?  
That reminds me of my second  
wife, when I proposed to her.  
I had the Blue Angels  
write up in the sky...  
We were in San Fran, and we...  
Uh, you know what?  
Wait a minute, maybe...  
It was Tel Aviv  
because it was in Hebrew.  
So it had to be  
my third wife.  
Right, but it's just  
as romantic, I hope.  
Well, you know  
what I always say...  
actions speak  
louder than words.  
Yes, they do.  
So do you have,  
uh, it on you?  
It is a \$15,000 ring,  
and I'm not letting it  
out of my sight.  
15,000.  
You got off easy, buddy,  
but I'll tell you what.

My daughter's going  
to be very happy.  
Very happy, indeed, son.  
Call me when you wrap  
this whole thing up.  
Will do.  
I'm still here.  
Yeah, he's right here.  
I don't know.  
He was on the phone.  
I don't know who  
he was talking to.  
Honey, I want you guys  
to have fun tonight.  
And it could be a big night,  
so keep me posted,  
sweetheart.  
Thanks. Bye-bye.  
I love you, honey.  
Carriage signed on to anchor  
the new shopping development.  
Yes.  
But before you start  
signing any leases,  
remember what your father said,  
that in order for us  
to get the financing  
by the end of the year...  
Get the paperwork filed  
before the financiers  
leave for their holiday break,  
blah, blah, blah.  
You are so cute  
when you get nervous.  
Nervous?  
Who said anything  
about being nervous?  
For what you're about to do  
to their property values,  
this town should be  
kissing your butt,  
ex-girlfriends included.  
Yeah.  
Santa Claus is on his way

In a sleigh  
Hip, hip, hooray!  
I can't wait  
for Christmas Day  
Hey.  
Morning.  
Hi, Lisa.  
How are you?  
I'm good, good.  
How are you?  
Good, just getting the rest  
of these flyers passed out.  
Oh, my Lord.  
You never stop working.  
Oh, I'll rest when those Malones  
find another place to build.  
If I know Rick...  
Oh, don't worry.  
I'm ready for your son,  
that little son of yours.  
Well, that's good  
because they're coming.  
What's this?  
Is that her?  
Aww, I can't wait  
to meet her.  
No, get back in the car.  
Ugh. No, no, no.  
You must be Lisa.  
Hi.  
Lisa, this is...  
Reagan Malone.  
Like my flyer?  
Wow, 30 seconds,  
and already with the tone.  
Tone? I don't have a tone.  
I was just asking a question.  
I'm just trying to help my town.  
What's so wrong with that?  
Your town?  
Oh, I can't call it  
my town anymore?  
Oh, sure, since you've  
been here a whole

two or three times  
since graduation?  
Too busy for 15-year  
reunion... your town.  
Look around.  
This place needs us.  
Reagan.  
I'm going to call  
Maria.  
She's lovely.  
Why don't you just admit  
that you're afraid of change?  
I am not afraid of change.  
You are, too.  
No, I'm not.  
Yes, you are.  
I'm not.  
You are, too, that's why  
you wouldn't leave the town.  
Oh, really?  
Really.  
You know what? I hope you're  
prepared for tonight, okay?  
I'll see you later,  
there, city guy.  
I hope you're ready  
for tonight, country person.  
Okay, great, you should  
watch your mouth.  
You watch your mouth.  
Ready, at least more  
ready than you know.  
Can you hear me?  
We're so going to have to  
wire this town. I know.  
Mom.  
Hi, honey.  
Oh, it's so good to see you.  
Good to see you.  
You look wonderful.  
Thank you.  
Mom, I would like  
you to meet...  
Reegan.



Reagan.

Reagan, I'm so sorry. It's a pleasure to finally meet you.

You, too.

So how is everything?

Oh, everything is great.

You know, no snow.

So, of course, there are no people on the hills.

Well, that's what we're here to change, right, baby?

That's right, babe.

You know, um, could I just speak to you for a moment?

Just...

Yeah, sure.

Babe, could you go inside really fast?

I just need to talk to my mom.

Thank you. Please, make yourself comfortable.

Isn't she great?

Oh, yeah.

She's so pretty, yes.

There's something I really wanted to talk to you about.

Do you actually have to do this now?

Mom,

I told you, you're going to be fine.

We're going to put you in a brand-new building with plenty more rooms.

This is a great location.

It's going to be great.

I-I actually like where I live, you know?

And, um, it's really hard to start over when you're 60.

You know?

Mom, I'm not going to go through this with you again.

Okay?

Okay.

Okay. Good.

Now how long can  
you and Reagan stay?

It's Reagan.

Reagan.

Actually, we're gonna leave right  
after the meeting tonight.

Oh, now, come on.

What is the hurry?

I just have a couple things  
that I got to take care of.

It's good to see you.

It's good to see you.

Oh.

Come on. Let's go.

Okay.

I think that we'd like  
to thank the church for the  
use of the hall, of course,  
and the ladies  
of the synagogue  
for all the fine refreshments  
that they've supplied.

Yea, thank you.

They are a great bunch.

It's good to see  
everybody here tonight.

It's a great turnout,  
to say the least.

You all know why we're here.

It's pretty important.

I guess we should call  
this meeting to order.

That's Wayne Beauregard.

All he ever used to do  
was play scratch tickets.

I swear, he'd get 20  
of those things a day.

Now, it's my understanding  
that Alexander Malone  
would like  
to address the town,

Am I correct with that, Rick?

Yes, Mr. Mayor.

Traitor.

Shame on you.

You grew up in this town, too.

Yea, thank you.

Who is that?

You don't know her.

She's new.

Oh.

We won't have any more outbursts  
like that, please. Okay?

Uh, where is Mr. Malone?

Is he here?

Actually, we have a DVD.

Well, I-I was

under the impression

he was going to be

speaking for himself.

What does a DVD

have to do with this?

Well, I'll just turn it

over to you, Rick.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I'd like to present

Mr. Alexander Malone.

Malone.

Progress.

Good evening,

ladies and gentlemen.

I just want to say

it's an honor

to be with you tonight.

I want to share

a vision that I have,

a vision for Fillmore...

Fillmore's past,

Fillmore's present,

and Fillmore's future.

Now I love

the intrinsic small-town

values that you have.

I really do.

And that's why I decided

to make it the site  
of my newest development.  
Now, I was looking around,  
and I noticed that  
there's something  
really important missing.  
Maybe you've seen it, too.  
Snow.  
Now you can't  
call yourself a ski town  
if you don't have snow.  
No snow, no skiing.  
No skiing, no customers.  
No customers, no cash.  
And why should we rely on Mother  
Nature for our prosperity?  
I mean, what has Mother  
Nature done for us lately?  
Earthquakes,  
hurricanes, tsunami,  
not to mention  
global warming,  
and it's real, folks.  
Now here's my vision.  
of the future of Fillmore.  
A beautiful 5-star  
resort and spa  
open 12 months a year,  
snow or shine,  
packed full of people.  
Busloads of senior citizens  
driving up there.  
Can't wait to spend  
their Social Security checks,  
great cell phone service,  
free wi-fi, plenty of jobs...  
I know what you're thinking.  
We don't want to lose  
our small-town charm.  
We don't want  
to become too rich.  
Folks, that's what  
I love about this place.  
We're not going

to lose the charm.  
And you can never  
be too rich, believe me.  
We're going to make it better.  
That's right, together,  
we're going to have  
more small-town charm.  
When you hear  
the name Malone,  
I want you  
to think progress.  
It has truly been my honor  
to be with you this evening.  
Thank you very much,  
and I hope to see you all  
in the future.  
That was quite impressive.  
Lisa, would you like  
to make a rebuttal?  
Yes, Mr. Mayor.  
Please, Lisa.  
Lisa.  
Oh. I'm kind of nervous.  
Hi, guys.  
Um, so are we talking  
about our town of Fillmore?  
Or are we talking about  
some new theme park?  
But, Lisa, come on.  
I mean, our schools  
are overcrowded.  
Our fire and police  
department,  
we really need equipment  
that we can't afford.  
I second that.  
Right. And you know, so do I.  
But there are ways  
of finding funding,  
without all of us  
having to sell our homes.  
We have always been a town  
about helping each other,  
a community,

a community of families.  
Rosemary, remember  
when you lost Bruiser?  
Yeah. Everybody helped  
look for him all night.  
Yeah, and they  
found him, right?  
Let's think about  
the small businesses,  
the local business owners  
like Joshua.  
Joshua, who has run our local  
pharmacy for what, 20...  
25 years.  
25 years.  
So Fillmore doesn't  
need progress.  
No, because thanks to each and  
every one of us in this room,  
we have exactly  
what we need...  
everything right here,  
right now.  
Yeah.  
And Casey, who has run  
that dry cleaning service  
and listened to our pro...  
Everything we need?  
Well, yeah. I mean,  
I think everything we need.  
Do you remember when  
you had pneumonia?  
Yeah. What about it?  
I had to drive  
all the way to Lincoln.  
Okay, he had to drive  
all the way...  
15 miles to Lincoln.  
Okay, so we're not perfect.  
But it doesn't have  
to be that way.  
You shouldn't have  
to wait for medicine  
just because Joshua's

store is out of stock.

No offense.

Okay, and is that how  
you judge the quality of life?

I see, probably so.

But we don't.

We're a family.

And we've always been  
a town about being there  
for each other,  
and being a community.

And I guess that's something  
that you, and her,  
and Alexander Malone  
will never really understand.

Listen.

I think it's great  
that you all helped  
find Rosemary's dog  
Why not have the best  
of both worlds?

Why not be quaint  
and efficient?

Alexander Malone is not trying  
to steal the character  
of this town, or its spirit.

He... We...

are just trying  
to make it better.

Thanks.

Well,

I guess that's it.

We'll let you know  
what the results are.

Meeting's adjourned.

Thanks for coming.

Good night.

Daddy, it was amazing.

The bill passed 6 to 4.

Yes. I will call you  
when we're back.

Bye-bye.

Uh, two words.

Two words.

First word...  
Pregnant woman.  
Pregnant Godzilla woman.  
I just want to see my mom  
for two minutes.  
Why can't we  
just leave now?  
The Rickmeister!  
Hey!  
Hey!  
What are they  
doing here?  
Maybe I, kind of,  
sort of, invited them.  
Oh, you look great, right.  
Oh, look at the love.  
Ow. Yes.  
Come in, come in.  
Okay.  
Look who I found.  
Hey.  
Hi, Mom.  
Hi.  
How are you?  
Hey.  
Hey. Hey.  
So, um, I heard you did  
a great job  
at the meeting tonight.  
Yeah.  
You did a great job  
in there, too.  
Well, you won.  
Well, I hope everyone  
has an appetite  
because I made  
my very special holiday pie.  
- Mmm.  
- Mmm.  
God bless you, Maggie.  
Yummy. Mmm.  
So, Reagan,  
what do you do?  
Uh, Reagan.



It's Reagan.

Reagan, what do you do?

I oversee the design  
of all of Malone Development's  
construction projects.

Actually,

the spa was my idea.

Rick was showing me  
some pictures of the town,  
and I said even though  
it looks like a real pit,  
we could probably  
do something with it.

A pit?

What she means is that  
we're really excited  
about improving the town.

Right, sweetie?

Yeah.

So Lisa, I hear  
you're an attorney, too.

A lot of pro bono work?

Wow.

Well, yeah, I guess we can't  
all move to the big city  
and be ambulance  
chasers, can we?

As a matter of fact,  
Rick happens to be  
one of the youngest,  
most successful  
attorneys in his firm.  
And after this proposal,  
he might even make partner.

Small price to pay  
for selling your soul.

All right, that's enough.

Let's go. Come on.

Oh, no. No, no.

Rick, wait.

Rick.

Wait a second,

Rick, please.

These are your friends.

They care about you.  
Sweetie, can you...  
Just give me a minute, okay?  
Reagan's a really  
good person, Mom.  
Oh. Look, I'm sure she is,  
but, you know, she said some  
rude things about the town.  
Can you keep a secret?  
Yeah.  
Oh, my... Is that real?  
Yeah, it is, Mom.  
Well, I-I didn't know  
it was this serious.  
Yeah, that's why  
we've got to get going.  
I've got a whole surprise  
waiting on the way home.  
I've got a whole  
breakfast planned.  
Wow, I... I didn't know  
she meant this much to you.  
Yeah.  
Listen, I love you, okay?  
I'll, uh, call you  
in a couple of days. Bye.  
Bye, and, uh,  
good luck, huh?  
Thanks, Mom.  
Will you slow down?  
We've got  
a schedule to keep.  
But that doesn't mean  
you got to get us killed.  
We can still get there.  
What are you talking about?  
Oh!  
Aah! Make it stop!  
I'm trying!  
Are you okay?  
I told you to slow down.  
Great.  
Just great! Great!  
I can't get a signal.

What are we going to do?

I have no idea.

Will you stop

looking at that thing?

This is a real emergency.

I didn't bring enough  
luggage to get stuck here.

Oh, I'm sorry about you  
and your luggage.

Just get out of the car  
and see what's wrong.

I'm gonna get out of the car  
and see what's wrong.

You're such a baby.

Ugh.

Great!

As your office manager and  
bookkeeper, it is my sworn duty  
to tell you that we can  
afford to turn up the heat.

Oh. I come bearing  
warm beverages.

Okay, okay.

I'll turn on the heat.

Just trying to save  
a couple trees, you know.

Hot chocolate.

I love you.

Mmm.

Did you hear what happened  
to Rick last night?

No, I hope it was painful.

His car broke down  
trying to get out of town.

I don't have time to worry  
about Rick Kirkland.

I've got to build a case  
to stop this Alexander Malone  
from bulldozing our town.

So I was doing  
some research last night,  
and it turns out that there's  
a four-day grace period  
before the resolution

is finalized.  
What exactly did you  
have in mind?  
Find anything that  
doesn't smell right,  
and file an injunction.  
I love working for you.  
Jingle bells  
Jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun  
It is to ride  
In a one-horse  
Dude, it's  
an \$80,000 car, okay?  
How much?  
\$80,000 car.  
Wow. It's all right.  
I'm the best mechanic  
in Fillmore.  
You're the only mechanic  
in Fillmore.  
Then it's a good thing  
I'm the best, isn't it?  
How long is this  
going to take?  
Well, it's going to be a while  
before I can get a new a new tranny.  
There's a guy down in Lincoln  
who deals in imports.  
So I'll give him a call.  
It's still going  
to be a couple of days.  
I'll probably...  
I'll just rent a car, okay?  
No, no. Chill out.  
Stay with your mom.  
She certainly brought  
enough clothes.  
I'll have you and Sleeping  
Beauty out of here in no time.  
I am so ready to get  
out of this town.  
She smells like flowers.

Yeah. Smells good  
though, right?  
Let's go.  
Okay.  
I'll be here fixing.  
Okay.  
All of a sudden, they don't have  
any German parts or whatever.  
I've got that meeting at 4.  
Oh, hey, Mom.  
He's never  
been able to relax,  
not even as a boy.  
He never stops working.  
Well, his father  
was the same way.  
Look at the bright side.  
You get to spend more time  
with your dear old mother.  
Delicious as usual, Maggie.  
Oh, thanks. Thanks.  
Hey, you should  
watch your back, kid.  
Oh, yeah? Why is that?  
Your ex-girlfriend  
called this morning  
She wants all the files  
I have on your proposal.  
She's up to something.  
I don't get what  
the big deal is.  
Well, maybe you  
should talk to her.  
She doesn't want  
to see me, Mom.  
Maybe you could apologize.  
Apologize for what?  
Well, Reagan... Reagan,  
uh, said some not-so-nice  
things about the town.  
She didn't say anything  
that wasn't true.  
You catch more flies  
with honey.

That's all I'm saying.  
Let's eat.  
Okay.  
I'll take care of her.  
Don't worry about it.  
I'll handle it. Come on.  
Let's go have  
some breakfast.  
Hey Cass?  
Did, uh, Marilyn ever call  
from the Mayor's office?  
This is really  
fascinating.  
How did you get in here?  
Cass stepped out  
for a sandwich.  
I told her I'd keep  
an eye on the place.  
Well, excuse me, my files  
are none of your business.  
Oh, well, being that Mr. Malone  
is a client of mine,  
I'd say that you're wrong.  
Come on, what do you think  
you're going to find?  
Well, who knows what  
you people are capable of?  
You people?  
You do know my proposal has  
nothing to do with you, right?  
Then why are you  
in my office?  
Well, I don't know, I just  
thought that I'd apologize.  
Oh, please, please don't  
insult my intelligence.  
I feel bad.  
I shouldn't have run out  
on you guys last night.  
Okay. Apology accepted.  
Now leave.  
I'm being serious.  
Why, what happened?  
Your mom give you a guilt trip?

Obviously, I made a mistake.  
Good, we agree  
on something.  
Bye-bye.  
You know where to find me.  
Hey, you.  
Hey.  
Yeah.  
Hi.  
Hi, Lisa. I'm in here.  
You're packing already?  
Unbelievable.  
I can't believe...  
I'm going to have to put  
some of this stuff in storage.  
I never thought  
I would see the day.  
Look.  
Here's something.  
Do you remember this?  
It was his favorite jacket.  
Yeah.  
Yeah.  
You know, he came  
to my office today.  
He said he felt bad  
about last night.  
Oh, good.  
Well, I'm sure...  
I'm sure he does feel bad.  
Yeah, I think  
it was more like  
he was trying to get  
a good look at my files.  
You know, come here.  
Sit down. Sit over here.  
You just... some things  
you just really...  
you really just  
have to let it go.  
You know? And...  
His... His leaving the town  
is not the same  
as his leaving you.

Yeah.

But, you know, I mean,  
when he came to visit you,  
he could have said hi.

Instead, he just  
always avoided me.

Well, he...

he probably didn't know  
what to do, you know?

It's just all in the past.

This building has been around  
since the early 1900s.

Wow, that's Fillmore?

It is.

See, the big tree was the only  
other thing standing there  
besides this place.

Wasn't until 1907

that they made that tree  
the symbol of the town.

And I guess

they're gonna probably  
tear that down, too.

See, I don't know

why Rick wants to ruin  
everything that

makes Fillmore so special.

Well, he just thinks

he's doing the right thing.

Sometimes in life,

things happen for a reason.

Hey.

You're going to love it.

What the heck

did you do to my car?

Oh, I gave it

a complete overhaul.

I scrubbed everything

nice and clean,

except for, well,

I don't really know

what this one does.

I don't need it nice and clean,

I need it running. Running.



They're backed up  
down there, okay?  
But Billy's got a cousin  
who lives up in Conway,  
and she's going to drop off  
the part tomorrow afternoon.  
Tomorrow afternoon. No, no.  
Probably late.  
Hey, look, Rick, I'm doing  
the best job I can here.  
Is that a local call?  
Dude.  
Go ahead.  
Hey.  
Kirkland, when you  
getting back here?  
The financiers  
want to sit down  
and talk about a few things.  
Uh actually, it looks like  
I'm going to be here  
for a little longer.  
I told you, you could  
just rent a car.  
Would you... shh.  
Listen,  
no future son-in-law of mine  
is going to be  
stranded in Mayberry.  
I'm sending a car out  
to pick you up right now.  
That's not necessary.  
I think it might be  
a good idea, you know,  
to bond with the people.  
I don't know, how about,  
uh, a conference call?  
Bonding, yeah.  
Okay, conference call,  
day after tomorrow, 8:00 A.M.  
Got it?  
Uh, day after tomorrow.

**Uh, yes, 8:**

Okay?

Okay.

Okay. Done.

Bonding.

Yeah.

So, um, where's  
the new girl?

Shopping, pouting,  
who knows?

It's not her type of place.

You want some advice?

Not really.

It's like

on Animal Channel.

Everyone knows how the cute  
little meerkat's going to act  
in its natural habitat, right?

But what happens when you  
pull it out of its element?

Will it live? Or will

the big mountain lion

come up and sink its teeth

into its neck and just...

And the meerkat's just...

Bite it, and kill it, and...

My point is

you got to keep

your eye on the meerkat.

Has anybody ever told you

you're really weird?

No.

Look, it's like you and Lisa.

You guys were tight, right?

Everybody thought you guys

were going to end up together.

Lisa's in her habitat,

and Reagan's in her habitat.

What about you?

It's not about anybody

being in or out

of anybody's habitats,

it's just that,

I don't know, Lisa

is one of the most pushy,

stubborn women I've ever met  
in my entire life.

So thank you, Jack Hanna.

Hi.

Hi.

Hey.

Funny.

Yeah.

I'm going to go to work.

Yeah, that's a good idea.

Okay.

All right, I admit,

I haven't been exactly

fair to you

since you've been here.

Well, if I didn't

know any better,

I'd say that

sounded like apology.

Look, you're stuck here.

Can't we just try

to get along, at least?

If only I had my camera

to document the moment.

Oh, very cute.

Truce?

Truce, huh?

Yeah.

You know, we're all

going bowling later,

so why don't you come,

and bring what's-her-face?

You mean Reagan.

Yeah, whatever.

No, not whatever.

Her name's Reagan.

Whatever.

Whatever, you.

Really?

Yeah, really.

Okay. Are you coming or not?

Yeah, we'll be there.

Okay, good.

I'll see you later, then.

Okay. Bye.  
Lisa, do you know  
what this is?  
Doesn't that go  
to your moped?  
Oh. Right.  
Oh. Okay, I got one bar.  
Oh.  
Hi.  
Carol?  
Dad, it's me.  
We were just talking.  
Carol, is that you?  
No, it's Reagan. Dad...  
Oh, Reagan! Sorry, my bad.  
So what are you gonna do?  
How are you gonna fix this?  
Don't you love the mountains?  
You always loved  
going to the Hamptons.  
No, I don't. There's no  
mountains in the Hamptons,  
and I don't  
love the mountains.  
Since when do I  
love the mountains?  
Just go tobogganing,  
or whatever those people do  
and come back with Rick  
in a few days.  
I don't want to come home  
with Rick in a few days.  
We're stuck here.  
You don't understand.  
The car broke, and they don't  
have the parts,  
and it's just stupid.  
Everyone's stupid here.  
Hello? I'm losing you. You know I  
can't get a signal in the yard.  
No, no, no, no, no.  
Are you there?  
Don't hang up.  
Are you there?

Dad.

Sweetie...

Dad.

Look, why can't we  
just rent a car?

We could leave tonight.

Babe, we want to show  
that we're sincere, right?

If we want

to demonstrate good faith,  
then you

what I always say.

Actions speak

louder than words.

Hey, guys!

Hey!

Rick!

Good to see you.

What are you doing here?

I invited them down.

They have a bar.

I am dying for

a Belvedere Martini.

Excuse me.

This should be interesting.

Awkward.

Hey, you want to hear

a little story about Rick?

Sure.

So in high school,

Rick had this sack, right?

And we were climbing

to the top of the bleachers

filled with water balloons.

And then the sack

burst! Boom!

And there was water

all over his sack.

This isn't what I wanted.

Just drink it.

No, he didn't!

No, he's not!

Then he took off

his pants,

and he had underwear  
that was wet.  
Underoos!  
Because you guys know.  
We don't know what his...  
He's exaggerating.  
Man, I miss the good old days.  
That's plenty.  
I think my water's  
going to break.  
Let's bowl!  
Let's do it!  
Yeah!  
Whew!  
Oh!  
Oh.  
I suck.  
You don't suck.  
You just had  
too much to drink.  
No, I haven't.  
That's a bad ball.  
That ball is bad.  
That's not a bad ball.  
Yes, it is.  
No, it's not.  
Hey, you are a lucky man.  
You miss that?  
Are you kidding me?  
I got a nice girl.  
She's great,  
she's beautiful, smart...  
Baby,  
what are you doing?  
Just checking  
some e-mails from work.  
I don't feel so good.  
Baby, you okay?  
I had fun...  
Ooh.  
Huh?  
Oh!  
So what do you think?  
I think it's working.

Did you see the way that he  
looked at her tonight?  
Yes! Yes!  
It was good.  
Oh.  
Now you sure you can  
stall him long enough?  
I'm sure.  
He doesn't need to know  
that I have the part already.  
Shh.  
Besides, little by little,  
he's starting to open up.  
Just like we planned.  
Mm-hmm.  
Bowling, check.  
Hockey, you'll  
get that tomorrow.  
Check.  
Cass,  
we are doing the right  
thing, aren't we?  
Of course we are.  
They belong together.  
We just need them  
to realize it.  
You're so right.  
.Thank you.  
How did it go last night?  
It was good.  
It was fun.  
You know, old friends  
and old hangouts.  
Definitely triggered  
a memory or two.  
Really?  
Well, that is good.  
Yeah.  
Well, so what are you  
up to today?  
Oh, well, you know,  
I have to finally get my tree.  
It's ridiculous.  
Why don't you

let me get it for you?  
Really?  
Of course. I'm gonna go  
get mine today, anyway.  
Oh, that would be so good,  
because you know what?  
I don't know what it is.  
I think it's the cold, but my hands...  
Can I come?  
and to take that axe...  
Can I come?  
What? You want to come?  
Yeah. It sounds fun.  
I haven't really gotten  
to see much of the town,  
so maybe  
you could show me around.  
Sure.  
Morning, ladies.  
Oh, hi, honey.  
Hi, Ma.  
Hi. Good job bowling last night.  
Oh, thank you.  
I have something to show you.  
You're gonna love it.  
Hey.  
Hi.  
Look what I found.  
It's my old jacket!  
Yeah.  
It's hideous.  
Excuse me.  
There you go.  
Wow, it still fits.  
Yes. Oh, it's wonderful.  
You're so handsome.  
Thanks, Mom.  
So, uh, what were you two  
conspiring about?  
Lisa and I are going out.  
Oh, and where is it  
that you two BFFs are going?  
We're going to get  
a Christmas tree.



My tree.  
You're not taking her  
to the place with the...  
you know, and the...  
Oh, a little girl time  
is a good thing.  
All right. I'm gonna change.  
I'll be back.  
Can I talk to you  
for a minute?  
Sure.  
Oh, honey, sit down.  
I will get you breakfast.  
This is mine.  
Okay, spill it.  
I offered to go get  
your mom's tree,  
and then what's-her-face asked  
if she could come along.  
Her name is Reagan. Let me  
tell you something about her.  
She grew up on 5th Avenue.  
Her idea of Christmas spirit is  
shopping at Rockefeller Center.  
Perfect.  
Sounds like a blast.  
Bad. This is bad.  
We wish you  
a Merry Christmas  
Look. Help me.  
You gotta help me look.  
I am looking.  
I don't see anything.  
Why don't we just...  
Why don't we  
just go to a lot?  
I don't understand why we  
have to do it this way.  
Why don't we just go?  
They're already there for us.  
We pick the prettiest one,  
then we go home.  
I don't understand  
what we're doing.

Because finding a tree  
is an experience.  
It's not just...  
it takes the fun out of it  
if you just go to a lot  
and pick a tree.  
Oh, and this experience  
can't include paved roads?  
Well, what do you do  
with your family in New York?  
How do you guys  
get your tree?  
Daddy has people who...  
Hold on.  
I am holding on.  
I don't even know where  
I'm supposed to be holding on.  
This thing isn't helping much.  
Aren't you glad you came?  
Yeah, this is loads of fun.  
I'm gonna wipe you  
across the ice, my friend.  
Okay, so why are you  
wobbling, then?  
Not my size.  
Right. You always skated  
like a girl.  
Are you okay?  
Easy, old-timer.  
You're not 18 anymore,  
Rick.  
Are you kidding me?  
I'm in the prime of my life.  
You know what? They got shuffleboard  
over at the senior center.  
Why don't we go over there?  
Bring it on.  
She really is something, huh?  
Yeah, she's definitely  
not the girl  
we went to high school with.  
Dude, I'm talking  
about your girlfriend.  
Oh.

Oh.  
But you thought I was talking about...  
Stop it.  
Oh, really?  
This is interesting.  
So what happened  
between you and Rick?  
What do you mean?  
Why'd you break up?  
I don't know.  
It just... after law school,  
we kind of decided  
we wanted different things,  
you know?  
He wanted  
to go to the city,  
and I just wanted  
to come back here.  
So that's why you left?  
Well, he invited me to go  
with him, but I belong here.  
He did?  
What if we went  
out that way?  
You know, you didn't have to leave.  
You could have stayed.  
She could have come with me.  
You regret it?  
You kidding me? I got a great  
girl, I got a great job.  
We gonna play or what?  
Oh, yeah.  
Oh, right up here.  
Look, look, look, look.  
It's like you're working  
for the man.  
What about your independence?  
I've got plenty  
of independence.  
Dude, you'll be, like,  
this Malone guy's son-in-law.  
Dude, it's not like that.  
I'm actually really happy  
with where I'm at right now.

So you have no regrets  
of any kind?

Nope. I mean, as long as I can  
make a difference once in a while,  
I feel good.

And you know what they say.

Actions speak louder  
than words, right?

Whose proposal  
was this, really, huh?

Yours?

The important thing  
is that I'm in love.

Oh. Then why are you  
still here, huh?

You could have rented a car.

You could have...

Gotta laugh, man.

I know why.

You like it here.

I got it.

Okay, you got it?

You good?

Yeah. I'm good.

You do spend a lot of time  
with his mother.

Maggie? Yeah,  
we're really good friends.

Yeah, but she's your  
ex-boyfriend's mother.

Yeah.

You know, she's really  
been there for me,  
especially when  
I lost my parents.

So you shouldn't  
let it bother you.

That's all it is.

Look, it's over, okay?

I'm with Reagan now.

He has his life,  
and I have Fillmore.

Period.

Okay.

You want to try?  
Yeah.  
Are you sure?  
Absolutely.  
Be careful.  
Please make it soon  
You know you have to  
actually hit the tree, right?  
I know  
you have to hit the tree.  
Suddenly your name  
jumps into view  
Oh!  
Are you okay?  
Christmas Eve  
Santa sends  
an angel to me  
Oh, I ruined my manicure.  
Your manicure? Look  
what you did to the poor tree.  
Oh, just help me up.  
Yes, look at that.  
That was so cold.  
That's where we went skiing  
on Cannon Mountain, remember?  
I remember Cass broke her leg.  
No, I didn't.  
Yes, you did.  
No, it was a sprain.  
It was...  
And she had to go down in the  
toboggan with the ski patrol.  
They were so cute.  
Who was cute? No, not  
as cute as you, honey.  
Oh, thank you.  
Oh, Rick, you were good.  
Oh, no.  
Does he still  
play guitar?  
You play guitar?  
Well, a long time ago.  
He was a rock star.  
Yeah. I got a good idea.

I'm gonna go get the guitar.  
No.  
Yes.  
No! I'm gonna go grab it.  
Where is it?  
Yeah!  
In the attic.  
In the attic.  
I'm gonna go get it.  
Whoo! That's so good.  
He's totally putting me  
on the spot.  
While you two were out behaving  
like a couple of Neanderthals,  
did he happen to say when  
the what-do-you-call-it...  
Transmission?  
Yeah.  
Well, it's a foreign car, baby.  
It's gonna take a couple days.  
A couple of days?  
What is taking so long?  
I don't know.  
Would you just relax?  
Oh.  
Uh, Maggie, let's go  
check on those cookies.  
Very good idea.  
Whoops. Give me a push.  
Don't hurt your back.  
Nice.  
Lookit. Remember that?  
Lookit.  
That's so silly.  
You remember how much  
you loved to sing karaoke?  
To pick up reindeer food  
I still do.  
And I'm good.  
Did you hear that?  
Unh-unh.  
Oh.  
Who will feed  
all those reindeer?

Who is gonna  
double-check that list?  
And who will call  
the weatherman  
Make sure that sleigh  
is spic-and-span?  
Who is gonna wrap up  
all those gifts?  
I been waiting  
all year long  
For months  
I ain't done nothing wrong  
I hope Christmas  
saved those phones  
If Santa's on his own  
He's lost some weight  
He's melancholy  
And Santa just ain't Santa  
What is going on  
with your hair?  
And then everybody  
started doing it.  
You were out there.  
I don't know.  
Oh, my God, look at you.  
Look at your hair.  
Oh, wow.  
A little Whitesnake.  
Yow  
Right, right.  
What did you do to her today?  
Who?  
Reagan.  
I didn't do anything to her.  
That girl's crazy.  
She thinks that you and I  
still love each other.  
Insecure.  
That's ridiculous.  
I know.  
Where did everybody go?  
Cookies.  
Oh.  
Where's the guitar?

What?  
The... the guitar.  
Oh, I couldn't find it.  
Oh.  
It's a big attic.  
Okay.  
Well, I will see  
you boys tomorrow, okay?  
But...  
Don't go.  
No, no, no. Hey.  
Yeah, I have things to do.  
Bye-bye.  
Yeah. Yeah.  
Where did Lisa go?  
I don't know.  
She left.  
Can I just have one?  
Sure.  
I'll be back.  
Where is everybody...  
Where you going?  
For a second there,  
it felt like  
it was years ago.  
Oh, Mom.  
She left it.  
She's so funny.  
She's just trying  
to save the town, that's all.  
Oh, you think  
that's all, huh?  
Well, I think she's  
more interested than that.  
Really?  
Well, It does...  
it doesn't matter.  
Andy's gonna have the part  
in a couple days,  
and it's fine.  
You know,  
whatever you decide,  
I will always stand by you.  
You know that.



Really?  
Really.  
I love you, Mom.  
All right, let me  
help you clean up.  
You were  
a good guitar player.  
Oh, come on.  
Yes, you were.  
All right, all right,  
all right.  
Okay.  
Do you like the cookies?  
Are you kidding me?  
No.  
Of course  
I like the cookies.  
All right.  
You always make great cookies.  
What? What's the matter?  
I am so sick  
of being in this town.  
I just want to leave, and I don't  
understand why they won't let us.  
Babe, we're trying to.  
He's fixing the car.  
He's not trying.  
He's not fixing the car.  
You're so nice with him, and not  
even aggressive or anything.  
Oh, my God. Would you  
stop being so dramatic?  
I'm not being dramatic.  
You're dramatic.  
You're being dramatic.  
I'm not being dramatic.  
Sweetie. I just want to go home.  
I have things to do.  
I know. I'm sorry. We weren't  
supposed to stay this long.  
And you act  
like it's no big deal.  
We're gonna get out of here  
really soon, okay?

Rick.

Rick.

What? Did you know something  
about a conference call?

Oh, I forgot.

Yeah, well maybe if you weren't  
busy getting all nostalgic.

Not now, not now.

Whatever. He's on the phone.

You better get it.

This is Kirkland. Rick.

This is Rick.

Oh, hey, Kirkwood.

You know we had  
a conference call today.

The investors kind of wanted  
to hear from you, son.

I know, sir. I'm sorry.

I forgot.

Yeah.

Is there a problem  
over there?

Is it too much peppermint  
schnapps at your grandma's house?

Or too much Kahla  
in the egg nog?

What's up, buddy?

Uh, no, sir.

Everything's fine.

That's good.

I want a full report, then.

What's the status?

Is it signed?

Is it filed?

Where are we?

I'm processing it  
in my laptop as we speak.

Good, because the financiers want  
it on their desk by the 25th.

Don't worry, sir. It will be there.

Okay, that's good.

Now, Reagan says we can start  
demolition in February.

Yes, sir. "Yes, sir"? Is

that the best you can get?  
You should be  
celebrating, son.  
This is the greatest day  
of your life.  
It is.  
Because of you,  
we took that piece of crap  
piece of real estate  
and turned it  
into a gold mine.  
You did this.  
You made this happen.  
You changed everything  
for your whole town.  
It's all  
because of you, son.  
Right. Because of me.  
That's right. Enjoy it.  
Go ahead.  
Listen, when people hear  
the name Malone,  
I want them to think progress.  
Of course.  
Of course. Well, you know  
what I always say.  
Actions  
speak louder than words.  
And that's why  
I'm willing to consider  
letting you hyphenate your name  
when you marry my daughter.  
Like the Kennedys, you know.  
Slash Shriver, Kennedy, you know  
how they always do that.  
So that we don't forget,  
you know. It's cool.  
Uh, well, I'll be sure  
and get you an update tomorrow.  
Whatever your last name is,  
hyphen Malone.  
Okay. I will, uh,  
talk to you soon.  
Have a great game.

Putt well.

Bye.

Bye.

Reagan, have you seen  
the paperwork?

Put it over by the barn, honey.

Okay.

Yeah, I got it.

Oh, you're so strong.

She never laughed

And she never smiled

she didn't have a friend

Wouldn't go

outside to play

She didn't even care

about a holiday

I need some egg nog.

Rick.

Rick?

Hi.

Hey, Ma.

Hey. we're getting ready  
to go on the hayrides.

You remember how fun that was?

They have music and games,  
and the whole town  
gets together.

I haven't been to that thing  
since high school, Mom.

Aw.

I think

we're gonna stay here.

Why? I don't understand.

You used to love it.

I'm not

that same guy anymore, Mom.

Oh, come on.

What about Lisa?

What about her?

And... and Cassidy and Andy.

I mean, all your old friends  
are gonna be there.

They'll be so disappointed.

Come on.

Well, why not, Reagan?  
You'll love it.  
Oh, don't tell me you're  
actually thinking about going.  
Well, you know,  
it could be fun. Right?  
Yeah.  
Whatever.  
All right, look.  
I think we should  
probably go, okay?  
Okay, yeah. Great. Say hi  
to Arnold the pig for me.  
Okay. Well,  
I'll see you downstairs.  
Okay. 'Bye, sweetie.  
Have fun.  
I will. You, too.  
I wish you would come.  
Let's put the lights  
up on the tree  
The white snowfall  
from a windowsill  
And let's make a snowman  
You and me  
And dress it up  
just like an Eskimo  
You know  
my favorite gift is you  
You know my favorite gift  
is you  
You know  
my favorite gift is you  
Hey, guys. Hey.  
Hey.  
Hey, I've been trying  
to call you. What's the deal?  
Yeah, well,  
it's the funniest thing.  
I got the part in,  
but it's the wrong one.  
So can you believe it?  
The wrong part? Reagan's  
gonna blow a fuse, dude.

Well, it's  
the Bavarian model.  
There's a Bavarian model?  
Oh, yeah.  
And, um, well, you see,  
the intake on the piston  
it is backwards,  
so I've got to swap it out  
for the German version.  
Oh, but don't worry.  
Don't worry.  
It's all gonna be fine. I'm sure  
we'll get the part tomorrow.  
Yeah. Sure. Probably.  
Hey, here's Rosemary.  
Rosemary! Here we are.  
Hi.  
No, no, no. You guys...  
You guys stay here, and we'll  
catch up with you later, okay?  
You guys have fun.  
We'll see you in a bit.  
Well, where you going?  
Okay, that was weird.  
Yeah, that was weird.  
Um...  
So...  
Do you want to dance?  
What?  
Do you want to dance?  
Polka?  
Yeah.  
I don't know how. Do you?  
No.  
Come on.  
It'll be fun. Come on.  
Everybody, everybody.  
Whoa, whoa, whoa.  
You know what I'm saying?  
Some of you know me,  
and some of you don't.  
That doesn't really matter,  
'cause this is  
my buddy Rick. Yay!

Yay! Yes, yes!  
Yes, yes. Okay.  
So, uh, this goes out  
to a certain special someone.  
Aw.  
That was pretty sappy,  
but here we go!  
All right.  
Sing it, city boy.  
Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way,  
ha ha ha  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is  
to laugh and sing  
Our sleighing song tonight  
Ho! Jingle bells,  
jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
in a one-horse  
open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
Oh, thank you very much,  
Fillmore.  
Fillmore!  
Fillmore!  
Whoo!  
Give it up  
for my buddy Rick!  
Yes! Thank you, everybody.  
Thank you.  
I am getting down now.  
Okay.  
Thank you.  
All right! Mosh pit!  
That was so funny.  
That was so silly.

You know, I haven't  
picked up a guitar in years.  
Remember the last time  
when we were out here,  
after that hayride?  
Oh, yeah, and that guy...  
he saw us making out  
and he was like,  
"I'm gonna tell on you."  
You were scared.  
Oh.  
Whatever happened to us?  
What do you mean?  
I don't know. I mean...  
what do you think  
would have happened  
if we hadn't broken up?  
Well, I don't know.  
What do you think?  
I think we'd probably  
open a practice  
right across the street  
from the doughnut shop.  
Doing what?  
I don't know, a little bit  
of this, a little bit of that.  
Being absolutely broke  
and miserable.  
Hey.  
It's not the same  
as it used to be.  
I know. You can still do it,  
though. That's important.  
Well, you could have talked to  
me before you left, you know.  
I know, but I just knew  
in my heart  
that you didn't want  
to come with me.  
Yeah, but we always talked  
about coming back here  
after we graduated.  
Remember, we said we were gonna  
open up a practice in town.



Yeah, I know.  
Then I get this note  
with this ultimatum.  
I wouldn't exactly  
call it an ultimatum.  
You wouldn't?  
What, "Come with me or else."  
What?  
Well, I guess  
I was just looking  
for something more  
than this town, you know?  
Yeah.  
Guess I could have put  
more thought into that.  
I couldn't really figure out  
what you were thinking,  
you know.  
You were the only thing  
that kept me from leaving.  
But I just knew in my heart  
that you belong here, you know.  
This town  
is lucky to have you.  
You know what?  
I guess it's probably  
really nobody's fault,  
what happened to us.  
We probably just grew apart  
from each other, you know?  
Yeah, but...  
I shouldn't have...  
I shouldn't have just left.  
You deserve better than that.  
I shouldn't have...  
Uh,  
I gotta go.  
Um, I had a great time,  
and, um, I just...  
I can't do this, okay?  
So I'm gonna...  
I'll talk to you later.  
Okay.  
Said you don't

have to worry  
I'll be coming home soon  
Now I'm counting backwards  
It's like the Middle Ages.  
Oh.  
Huh.  
Dancin' through the snow  
In a one-horse  
open sleigh  
Over the fields we go  
Laughin' all the way  
Slippin'  
and a-slidin'  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright  
Good morning.  
Oh.  
Who woke up on the right side  
of whose bed this morning?  
No.  
Yeah. You and Rick.  
I'm right.  
No. No.  
Yeah.  
Didn't. Didn't. Didn't.  
Held hands.  
Oh!  
Danced.  
That's it. I swear.  
You knew I'd tell you.  
So, uh, did you  
get those voter rolls  
and the minutes  
from Marilyn?  
What's wrong?  
Really?  
Okay, now if you look  
at a map of the town,  
you can see that most of the  
land Malone's interested in  
is already owned by a company  
called Cabrera Enterprises.  
Now, it's old farms, woods,  
mostly worthless stuff.

Just a very small part of it  
is actually eminent domain.  
Right, okay, so this Cabrera  
Enterprises comes in  
and buys up all this, like,  
so-called worthless property  
and then sells it  
and makes a killing.  
You think  
it's a coincidence?  
Not really.  
Okay.  
So what are you  
going to do?  
Well, let's see who owns  
Cabrera Enterprises.  
[MaggAnd... Here's your coffee.  
Thank you. you are  
Coffee for you.  
Thank you, Mom.  
That's all right.  
Oh. Hi, Lisa.  
Uh...  
That's funny.  
I don't remember  
inviting you to breakfast.  
What is it?  
Cabrera Enterprises.  
Cabrera? What's that?  
It's not illegal.  
What's not illegal? What  
are you two talking about?  
Your girlfriend here  
didn't tell you?  
Her boss  
created a dummy company  
to buy up all the land  
in Fillmore.  
What's that?  
Do you want to tell him,  
or should I?  
Okay, remember  
how I told you  
Daddy bought land

from the town  
so he could start  
construction on the resort?  
Yeah. What about it?  
The people had no idea  
who they were selling  
their land to.  
What?  
But you told me  
that they were excited  
You told me that they  
sold this land willingly.  
You lied to them?  
You lied to me?  
How could you do that?  
It's a good thing.  
Everyone's property values  
are going to skyrocket.  
I trusted you.  
I don't have to defend myself  
to either one of you.  
Look, I swear  
I didn't know anything  
about Cabrera Enterprises.  
Do you know what the problem  
with you people is?  
Oh, "you people"? We're gonna  
start with that again?  
You're way too flexible.  
You know, you manipulate  
all the rules  
so that things go your way.  
You bend things so much,  
I don't even know  
what to believe anymore.  
Technically,  
it wasn't illegal.  
Oh. So that  
makes it right?  
What else, Rick?  
Is there anything else  
you want to throw at me  
while we're at this?  
I... I was going

to propose to Reagan.

What?

On the way home, we were going to stop at some place, and I was going to ask her to marry me.

Okay, there. I said it.

So you mean this whole time and last night...

Ow!

You're a jerk.

I don't know anymore.

I'm confused.

I'm lost.

What are you doing?

You think these people are your friends?

What are you talking about?

Five days.

Five days we've been here waiting for that...

that meathead to fix the car.

You see this?

Do you know what this is?

This is the transmission for your car.

I found it online, and for an extra 15 bucks, they're gonna deliver it tomorrow.

Online?

Any idiot

could have found this.

Like you can really criticize...

I don't know what they were trying to do, get you to change your mind about the town, get you to fall back in love with that little do-gooder?

I don't really care.

I was a good sport.

I played along.

Now I'm done.  
So are we leaving or not?  
Reagan, I don't know if we're  
going to leave right now or not.  
Then go tell Cooter  
to fix the stupid thing  
so we can move on  
with our lives.  
Who's Cooter?  
Your little friend  
from high school.  
His name is not Cooter.  
It's Andy, okay?  
He's my best friend.  
Whatever.  
Andy is a loser.  
Wha...  
Baby...  
Are you coming home  
for Christmas?  
Should I keep  
the fire bright?  
Are you comin' home  
for Christmas this year  
To make the season right?  
A windy chill  
from morning air  
And the days  
are growing short  
You know my heart  
would come alive  
Just to see you  
walk through that door  
Are you coming home  
for Christmas  
To trim  
our Christmas tree?  
'Cause the only gift  
I wish for this year  
Is to have you  
home with me  
Are you coming home  
for Christmas?  
Are you coming home

For Christmas?  
I know how important  
this town is to you.  
It's where you've got  
all your memories  
of your mom and dad,  
but he can't take  
those away from you.  
All right. I'm sorry.  
I hope...  
I hope you'll at least  
talk to the baby.  
The little baby.  
I don't know what you mean.  
I mean...  
You know, you and Andy,  
you live this amazing life.  
It's perfect.  
And you guys are going  
to have this baby.  
Right?  
I just... don't know...  
don't know when I get  
my second chance, you know?  
I don't know when I  
get my second chance.  
You want to know  
what's funny?  
Can you believe  
I actually started to think  
that all of this stalling,  
all of these delays,  
were part of some  
great plan of yours?  
I feel like such an idiot.  
What are you talking about?  
Oh, please.  
Daddy told me  
right after you asked  
for his permission.  
What? He told you?  
Nothing's private  
between us.  
Wha...

What is it with you two?  
I can't  
even surprise my own...  
It's unbelievable!  
I don't... You know what?  
You know what?  
I don't know. I don't know.  
I don't know anymore.  
I don't know.  
You love her, don't you?  
What?  
You've been thinking  
about that small-town tart  
since we left.  
Easy... Actions speak  
louder than words.  
Isn't that  
what you always say?  
Why do you love me?  
What?  
Why do you love me?  
Because.  
Why?  
Because.  
We have similar interests...  
food, decor.  
We make a good team.  
We're a power couple.  
That's not love, Reagan.  
Oh. And you and Lisa.  
I suppose that is, right?  
Yeah.  
Ow! Reagan! What the...  
Reagan...  
After everything I did.  
You did?  
I set up the real estate structure.  
I set up the business plan.  
I made that deal.  
And you? You just blew  
the single best thing  
that ever happened  
to someone like you.  
The town?



I'm not talking  
about the town.  
Lisa?  
Lisa. Hello.  
Lisa.  
Look, I know  
you don't believe me,  
and I don't care.  
We're gonna stop  
this thing together.  
What?  
What about Reagan?  
What about  
your big proposal?  
I changed my mind.  
Look,  
I don't care how mad  
or disappointed  
you are in me.  
I realize that I love  
the way that you fight  
for what you believe in.  
I love the way that you  
feel about this town.  
I love the way that you  
snore a little bit  
and your left eyebrow  
goes up  
and it looks like you're  
asking a question.  
I love the way that you  
feel about this town.  
I love the way that you  
make people feel.  
And I love, most of all,  
the way you make me feel.  
I've always loved you,  
and you can't  
take that away from me.  
I don't know what to say.  
Just say that you'll  
help me stop this thing  
and save the town.  
Okay.

Come on.  
We have a lot to do.  
Okay. Cool.  
Okay. So what few people know  
is that Malone has to close  
the deal by 6 p.m. tonight  
in order to get  
the financing he needs  
to start the job,  
so that gives us  
four hours  
to find something,  
anything,  
that could stop him.  
Well, this is  
everything we've got.  
Zoning laws,  
environmental reports,  
property rights.  
We've been going over it  
and over it.  
Malone will do anything  
to take this town.  
If we let that happen,  
everything that's special  
in this town will be gone.  
Okay. Let's do it.  
Oh, boy.  
It's Christmas time again  
Let all your  
good cheer in  
It's Christmas time  
It's Christmas time again  
The stockings are hung,  
and the tree is trimmed  
The sounds of the season  
are ringing on in  
It's Christmas time  
It's Christmas time again  
Well, I meet my baby  
by the mistletoe  
But, boy, don't you know?  
She'll be so happy  
When Santa comes tonight

It's Christmas time  
It's Christmas time again  
You know,  
it's Christmas time  
It's Christmas time again  
Oh, it's Christmas time  
It's Christmas time again  
Lisa, I'm sorry, babe.  
52, 52.92...  
We're going  
to get going.  
Sorry we couldn't  
help you pull it off.  
Yeah.  
Come on. Let's go, babe.  
Come on.  
Well, we gave it  
our best shot.  
That's the most important  
thing, right?  
Trying to make things  
better?  
Yeah.  
Can I ask you something?  
Yes.  
Yes.  
What made you  
change your mind?  
What made you  
come back?  
Well,  
after we broke up,  
I guess I never  
wanted to come back.  
But I don't know.  
I guess I just thought  
that I didn't need Fillmore  
the same way that you did,  
you know?  
Okay, and now?  
Maybe I was just trying to  
force myself to grow too fast.  
Maybe I just needed  
some time and space,

like that big tree  
in the center of town.  
Can you believe  
that our initials  
are still in that thing?  
Yeah, I know.  
And you know what else  
your mom told me  
about that tree?  
It became  
the official town symbol  
after the inn,  
in 1907,  
which means...  
think about this...  
in 1907...  
Yeah? Oh,  
it means that the...  
How long is that? 1907.  
That's over a hundred years,  
so the hotel is over  
a hundred years old.  
Which makes it what  
under the National  
Preservation Act of 1966?  
It qualifies for national  
landmark status.  
Which means...  
This house sits in  
the middle of the street,  
so Malone  
can't take this house.  
Can't tear it down,  
no matter what.  
That means we have to find  
a certified historian  
to make the nomination.  
Where are we going to find  
a certified historian  
in the middle of the night?  
Harry.  
Harry.  
Ha ha!  
- Coming!

- Oh!

Hi.

Sorry to wake you.

Lisa?

Harry,

you're the president  
of Fillmore's Historical  
Society, correct?

Yes. Yes, I am.

And sole member.

Perfect. Okay. I need you  
to nominate the Fillmore Inn  
for national historical  
landmark status.

Wait. National historical  
landmark status?

Can I do that?

Well, as the town's  
leading historian,  
yeah, of course.

I guess that was  
\$25 well spent, huh?

Where do I sign?

Oh, uh,  
here and here.

All right.

All right. Done.

Okay. Mr. Coggins,  
as your counsel,  
it is my duty to inform you  
that, in accordance with the National  
Historic Preservation Act of 1966,  
you are hereby prohibited  
with interfering  
with said property  
until such time that the  
nomination can be reviewed.

Gladly.

Thank you so much.

Thank you. Thank you!

Go back to bed.

I will.

Good night.

The first Noel

Merry Christmas!  
The angel did say  
Bye, Harry!  
Was to certain  
poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay  
In fields where they  
Lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night  
That was so deep  
Noel, Noel  
Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of...  
Did you hear about the  
Heritage Valley Inn? No.  
They declared it  
a National Landmark.  
You're kidding.  
I signed the papers  
myself.  
Way to go, Harry.  
Hey, I wonder if Maggie's  
got some coffee.  
Oh, I could use it.  
I heard they're  
gonna try to get  
more school funding  
from the state.  
That's amazing.  
That's what I heard.  
We can get computers  
for the kids finally.  
Yes. Yes, yes.  
Oh, that's great news.  
Malone was trying  
to get Rick  
on the phone this morning.  
This is gonna be good.  
Now, I want a bike  
and a model airplane.  
Do you still make those?  
Okay, good.  
What?  
I've been good.

I told one lie.  
That's it.  
Are you really  
that nervous?  
I can't even eat.  
You can do it.  
It's ringing.  
It's ringing.  
Malone residence.  
Yes, this is Rick Kirkland  
calling for Mr. Malone.  
Is he  
expecting your call?  
Yes, he's expecting my call.  
Just a moment,  
please.  
I'll hold.  
Kirkland.  
Kirkland, tell me  
why my daughter's  
back home  
crying her eyes out.  
The town has declared  
the Heritage Valley Inn  
a national landmark, sir.  
You know what?  
I don't give a f...  
figgy pudding.  
What do I pay you for?  
Undeclare it.  
Not this time.  
Kirkland,  
I'm going to assume  
that it's the high altitude  
in the boonies  
that's got your brain  
scrambled.  
I want you to do your job  
and do it now.  
I want you to take  
care of business.  
I quit the case.  
You know how this affects  
your position

at that firm, then?  
I quit your case.  
It means you can  
take your self-made,  
self-important, arrogant  
butt someplace else  
because it is not  
welcome in Fillmore.  
Uh, bad news, honey.  
I don't think  
he's coming back.  
I'm going to miss him.  
You just quit your job.  
I know!  
Crazy.  
I know.  
Uh, come here.  
Come here.  
Okay.  
I know  
what it is.  
Cassie.  
Come on. Let's go.  
Move, move. Out, out.  
What are we doing?  
Um...  
This is the proposal  
I should have done  
a long time ago.  
Lisa Donahue,  
will you marry me?  
Absolutely.  
Hey, would you  
look at that?  
When the Christmas lights  
are twinkling  
And the glistening snow  
has fallen  
Sleigh bells keep  
a perfect rhythm for  
A Christmas dance  
with you  
Time's suspended,  
hold me closer



I won.

I won!

I won! I won! I won!

Ohh! Ohh!

I've won!

What?

I won!

You won!

I won! I won! I...

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