

Angela: August 11, 2015

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Author's notes to audience

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(note: father's name is Ted)

(stage: chair at back/side of stage)

(stage: father knocks gently on son's door (back wall of stage).)

Son is awake and sitting in a chair, rather than tossing and turning in the dark, unable to sleep. This is so that I can talk to him with my eyes up so the audience can see them.)

**Hello Peter. It's late and you're still up. I thought I'd come in.**

(stage: father walks gently over to son. stands.)

**I'm sorry that Angela broke up with you son. Mom said you haven't been eating your lunch. I know you've been together since middle school and graduation is only a month away.**

**Angela is wonderful and you saw something in Angela worth loving.**

(stage: father sits. puts hand on son's shoulder.)

**She doesn't want to be with you any more Peter. You have no control over that. It's just too bad. Now**

you're hurt. It's going to be painful and it's going to take a while.

In the meantime, your life is going to be different. You'll still have a life and you'll still be happy. But you'll have to find another path and start again.

You didn't do anything wrong. There are other people out there you can love. You'll find them in good time.

In the meantime, you're going to just have to keep on loving her, even if only in your heart. That's just the way you are. It's a perfectly fine and normal way for a boy like you to be. Don't expect to ever forget Angela. She's been an important part of your life.

(mild tone of excitement)

You'll be off to college soon. You'll make a new life and it will be with new people you meet there. Angela will not be there with you.

(stage: always have discovery in a piece. Look for, find and then reach for Binky)

Here's Binky, your teddy bear. I know you don't sleep with Binky anymore, but situations like this are special. You might find some comfort in Binky. I'm sure Binky would be glad to keep you company tonight.

(stage: hands Binky to Peter)

Good night son. I love you.

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