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Author's notes to audience

(stage: chair at back/side of stage)

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

Hello Peter. I can hear you tossing and turning. I thought I'd come in.

(stage: father picks up chair, brings it over to imaginary bed and sits down. Takes son's hand.)

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

The house is full of photos of the pair of you at proms and parties. Mom loved having Angela over here. Mom thought of her as the daughter she never had.

Angela is wonderful and you saw something in Angela worth loving and, being who you are, of course you loved her. She doesn't love 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. Some of the things you looked forward to aren't going to happen. 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.

There's nothing wrong with Angela. She just taken another path, that's all. There's no need to say bad things about her, just because you're hurt.

That would only make loving her a mistake. It wasn't. You did the right thing to love her. She's wonderful, you loved her and she loved you, but now she doesn't love you anymore. You didn't do anything wrong. There are other people out there you can love. You'll find them in good time.

You're going to just have to keep loving her, even if only in your heart. That doesn't mean that she's going to love you back, or that you'll talk to her or see her or that she'll be a part of your life anymore.

It just means that you thought she was worth loving and you wanted to love her and you will love her for the rest of your life. To do anything else would only hurt yourself. That's just the way you are and it's a perfectly fine and normal way for a person like you to be.

Ted and I are friends. Ted still likes you He wants you to know you're still welcome over there any time. He knows that things are different now and that you might not want to come over for a while. But when you're ready, you can go over and say hello and he'll be glad to see you. He still thinks of you as the son he never had.

You'll be off to college soon and you'll make a new life and it will be with new people you meet there. Angela is not going to be there. Don't expect to ever forget Angela. She had been an important part of your life.

(stage: reaches for Binky)

Here's Binky, your old 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.
