Last Dance

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E-mail: nickpaul2020@gmail.com Copyright 2024 "Young men's love then lies not truly in their hearts but in their eyes." - William Shakespeare Romeo & Juliet

INT. AUDITORIUM-THEATRE-NIGHT

A young girl dances around on the stage. 12-YEAR-OLD BRITTNEY, A promising dancer.

BRITTNEY (V.O.) We all have dreams of what we want to be.

CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT- CONVENIENCE STORE-NIGHT

A teenage boy stands in front of a FIGHTER, early 20s. 15-YEAR-OLD NICK. A winning underground fighter.

> BRITTNEY (V.O.) We have dreams of being a dancer or a boxer. Sometimes, we just want love.

> > CUT TO:

INT. PATIENT ROOM-HOSPITAL-NIGHT

A flatline sound comes from an *electrocardiogram machine*. A NURSE rushes into the room.

BRITTNEY, 42. A former dance instructor. Now, a woman meeting the end of her life.

The Nurse pumps air into Brittney's mouth.

NURSE Come on, Brittney!

The sound of the machine echoes.

CUT TO:

EXT. GARDEN-NIGHT

Lying on the grass of the garden.

Brittney opens her eyes. She lays flat on her back. Her eyes wander around the garden.

Where am I?

Brittney sits up. She looks around again.

BRITTNEY (CONT'D)

Beautiful!

Brittney stands up.

A big smile on her face.

Brittney takes another look around the garden, glancing at the sight of the **swans**.

Bread drops into the **pond**. A man sits on the edge of the pond. NICK, 40. A former custodian. Now, a man looking after the garden before the rapture happens.

NICK Beautiful, aren't they?

Brittney smiles.

She steps towards him.

BRITTNEY

It's you!

NICK Sorry, have we met?

BRITTNEY It's me baby!

Brittney sits down on the edge. She touches his face.

BRITTNEY (CONT'D) Look at my eyes!

NICK

I'm looking.

Brittney looks around the garden. She looks at the **tree** in the midst of the garden. **Fireflies** light up underneath it.

BRITTNEY (point)

Brittney pulls Nick up to his feet.

BRITTNEY (CONT'D) Come with me! Brittney walks Nick underneath the tree. She places her hand on his shoulder.

BRITTNEY (CONT'D) Like this!

Brittney puts his hand on her side. She leans her head on his chest.

Nick smiles. He closes his eyes.

She rocks herself in his arms.

Nick wraps his arms around her back.

"What's Up" by 4 Non Blondes plays.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT-FLASHBACK

A young man sits on the edge of his bed. 19-YEAR-OLD NICK. A troubled young man dealing with the loss of his wife.

Headphones over his ears. A woman walks into the bedroom. MARY JANE, 34. A waitress and stripper. A humble woman living with an addiction for drugs and a man's attention.

MARY JANE

Hey!

Mary turns the volume up on the radio.

19-YEAR-OLD NICK (yell)

19-Year-Old Nick looks at Mary Jane with a bit of relief but anger at the same time. He pulls the headphones off.

19-YEAR-OLD NICK (CONT'D)

Mom!!

Mary Jane sits.

MARY JANE I rented some movies.

19-YEAR-OLD NICK Which ones?

MARY JANE <u>Scent Of A Woman</u> and <u>Big Girls</u> <u>Don't Cry...They Get Even</u>. 19-YEAR-OLD NICK In a minute!

Mary Jane kisses 19-Year-Old Nick on the cheek. She wraps her arm around his shoulder.

MARY JANE You still have one woman that loves you baby.

Mary Jane stands up.

MARY JANE (CONT'D) Come on! You're my favorite popcorn maker!

19-Year-Old Nick stands up. He rushes out of the bedroom.

MARY JANE (CONT'D) (laugh)

Mary Jane rushes after him.

CUT TO:

EXT. GARDEN-BACK TO PRESENT

Nick opens his eyes.

NICK (sniff)

NICK'S POV:

An 18-YEAR-OLD BRITTNEY stands in her wedding dress.

BRITTNEY I'll love you forever baby!

BACK TO SCENE

Nick looks at Brittney again.

NICK

Brittney!

BRITTNEY

Yes!

Nick kisses her and hugs her with all his strength. His memory restored.

A bright light flows through the garden.

Brittney looks at the light.

NICK Come on babe.

Brittney grabs a hold of his hand.

Nick squeezes onto her hand. He walks her towards the light. Brittney looks at him and smiles.

FADE OUT:

THE END