

**SCENE: THE NOTEBOOK (Noah & Allie)**

**NOAH**

Interesting morning?

**ALLIE**

Yeah. (Beat) Lon's here in town.

**NOAH**

He's here.

**ALLIE**

Yeah, we saw his car on the way, at the hotel.

**NOAH**

Huh. (Beat) I see you got my letters. (She nods) Finally.  
What you gonna do, Al ?

**ALLIE**

I don't know.

**NOAH**

We're back to that? Are we back there?  
What about the past couple days?  
They happened, you know?

**ALLIE**

I know they happened, and they were wonderful,  
but they were also very irresponsible. I have a fiance  
waiting for me at a hotel, who's going to be crushed  
when he finds out.

**NOAH**

So you make love to me and then go back to your husband?  
Was that your plan? Was that a test I didn't pass?

**ALLIE**

No, I made a promise to a man. He gave me a  
ring and I gave him my word

**NOAH**

And your word is shot to hell now, don't you think?

**ALLIE**

I don't know. I'll find out when I talk to him.

**NOAH**

This is not about keeping your promise, and it's not about following your heart, it's about security.

**ALLIE**

What is that suppose to mean?

**NOAH**

Money!

**ALLIE**

What are you talking about?

**NOAH**

He's got a lot of money!

**ALLIE**

Now I hate you, you smug bastard.

**NOAH**

Well, I hate you. If you leave here, I hate you.  
(Beat continuing over her) if you leave I hate you.

**ALLIE**

Have you been paying attention to anything happening here?

**NOAH**

I guess not. I think I must have misread all those signals.

**ALLIE**

I guess you did. (She goes to leave)

**NOAH**

You're bored! You're bored and you know it.  
You wouldn't be here if there wasn't something missing.

**ALLIE**

You arrogant son of a bitch!

**NOAH**

Would you just stay with me?

**ALLIE**

Stay with you? What for? Look at us, we're already fighting.

**NOAH**

Well, that's what we do. We fight. You tell me when I'm being a arrogant son of a bitch and I tell you when

you're being a pain in the ass. Which you are, 99% of the time. I'm not afraid to hurt your feelings. They have like a two second rebound rate and you're back doing the next pain the ass thing.

**ALLIE**

So what?

**NOAH**

So it's not gonna be easy. It's gonna be really hard. And we're gonna have to work at this everyday, but I want to do that because I want you. I want all of you, forever, you and me, everyday. Will you do something for me? Please? Will you just picture your life for me? 30 years from now. 40 years from now, what's it look like? If it's with that guy, go! Go! I lost you once, I think I can do it again, if I thought it's what you really wanted. But don't you take the easy way out.

**ALLIE**

What easy way? There's no easy way, no matter what I do somebody gets hurt.

**NOAH**

Would you stop thinking about what everyone wants? Stop thinking about what I want, what he wants, what your parents want. What do you want? (Beat) What do you want?

**ALLIE**

It's not that simple.

**NOAH**

What do you want?

**ALLIE**

It's not--

**NOAH**

Goddamn it, what do you want?

**ALLIE**

I have to go.

A long beat of them staring each other down. He throws up his arms and allows her to choose to go. She does.