

Klara?

KLARA

I need you.

SONG: MAX "WAS I HAPPY BEFORE"

WAS I HAPPY BEFORE
WITHOUT ANYMORE?
NO PARTNER, NO JOY
NO PLAN, NO PLOY
JUST ME, AND MY BOY

I KNOW HER LOVE IS TRUE
SHE'S TURNED MY SKY TO BLUE
I'M HAPPY NOW
WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS SOMEHOW
FROM SADNESS TO JOY
JUST ME MY LOVE AND MY BOY

MAX

Klara . . . we're here for you.

BLACK OUT

SCENE 6 - JAKE'S PLACE - LATER

JAKE is at his desk on the phone. BARBARA is standing nearby.

JAKE

She's not answering her cell phone. No one is answering at the house. Where can she be?

BARBARA

You upset her. Did you really think she was going to answer your calls?

JAKE

Not now Barbara. That's not helping.

BARBARA

What would you like me to say? Good job, sweetie? She thinks you are sharing her secrets with people. That's a betrayal.

JAKE

But I'm only sharing them with you. You're my wife.

BARBARA

Even that is unprofessional. And besides, darling, I'm not real.

JAKE

Don't say that!

BARBARA

It's the truth. You say that's what you're always after.

JAKE

I can't listen to this now. I have to find Klara. I have to help her.

BABBARA

You can help her by setting a better example. Jake, it's been three years. You talk about Max not moving on. You can't keep clinging to a relationship that can't grow.

JAKE

Who's it hurting?

BARBARA

It hurt Klara. And darling, it's hurting you. It's time. Let me go.

JAKE

I can't let you go. You are my love.

BARBARA

Jake, you still have life to live.

JAKE

You are my life.

BARBARA

(tenderly) Jake . . . I will always love you.

SONG: Jake "FAREWELL"

FAREWELL, MY LOVE, FAREWELL
I MUST FINELY LET YOU GO
I HAVE HELD ON FOR TOO LONG
EVEN YOU HAVE TOLD ME SO

MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED
THAT YOU ARE REALLY GONE
THOUGH MY MIND KNOWS IT'S TRUE
MY EMOTIONS DON'T HAVE A CLUE

KLARA enters and watches JAKE sing as BABBARA slowly fades away from him.

GOODBY, MY LOVE, GOODBY
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS, SINCE YOU DIED
THERE'S NO LONGER A SUN IN MY SKY
SO, I MUST FINELY SAY GOODBY

BARBARA blows a kiss to JAKE who catches it and puts it to his lips. JAKE blows a kiss back to BARBARA who puts it on her lips, smiles then . . .

FAREWELL, MY LOVE, FAREWELL

BARBARA exits. JAKE is a jumble of emotions.

KLARA

Jake? (*Jake is still lost in thought*) Jake?

Jake turns around and sees Klara.

JAKE

Klara, oh my god. Are you all right? I have been worried sick about you. You have to let me explain about before.

KLARA

There is no need. Max explained everything.

JAKE

You talked to Max?

KLARA

Jake, why didn't you tell me that Barbara is dead?

JAKE

I don't know. I help people with their fears all the time. I still have problems with my own. I'm afraid of being alone. Keeping Barbara with me made sure I never had to be.

KLARA

Max says that's why you tried so hard to set us up. If you can fix our loneliness, there's hope for you.

JAKE

Pretty smart that Max. I really love that guy. I don't know why I didn't think to call him.

KLARA

I'm glad I did.

Klara starts to cry suddenly and forcefully.

JAKE

Oh my Klara. I am so sorry.

KLARA

Jake it's not you. There has been a horrible accident. My father fell and hit his head. My mother just called from the hospital. He is paralyzed and will probably never walk again.

JAKE

Oh, Klara I'm sorry. That's awful.

KLARA

It's not awful. I hate him so much. I'm glad this happened because now he won't ever be able to hurt us again.

As KLARA starts to sob Jake puts his arm around her . . .