

DOC HOLLYWOOD

Ben runs to Lou's house and knocks on Lou's door; he has a bottle of wine on his hand, and a couple of glasses.

Ben  
Hey. I forgot my pig.

Lou  
She's sleeping with Em. I'll drop her off in the morning.

Ben  
Would you like a cup of wine? Take the edge off.

Lou  
Take the edge of what?

Ben  
Me. Would you like to join me in your porch, we shouldn't wake up Em or my pig. Besides Clementina has a very bad humor in the morning.

Lou  
You, Uh... Ran all the way over here.

Ben  
Oh, yeah. I ran... walked, skipped. Got a stitch in my side.

Lou  
Did you enjoy the town fair?

Ben  
Yeah. I actually did.

Lou  
And you haven't seen the fireworks yet.

Ben  
I hope I see them soon.

Lou  
Why are you giving me the full court press if you're only leaving in a couple of days anyway?

Ben  
You know, I don't know. It's like it's some kind of... mystical force.

Lou  
Force or Hormones?

Ben  
Hey, Hey. Come on. I'm... all I want to do is talk.

Lou  
Oh.

Ben  
And get you sloppy drunk.

Lou  
Honesty, that's a new approach.

Ben  
I know. You're forcing me into uncharted territory here.

Lou  
Hell, I might even try chastity... Seems to have worked for Hank.

Ben approaches Lou slowly to kiss her after a moment Lou moves away without giving him a kiss.

Lou  
I think it's getting late.

Ben  
Well, listen, uh... Maybe a rain check?

Lou  
Mmm... I never should have accepted those flowers.

Ben  
Well, uh... What about just a dance with me before I leave?

Lou  
Hmm. Desperation. I like this. Still I... I wouldn't want the mayor to have to lose ten bucks over me. You know.

Ben  
Okay. Okay don't go. I admit it, I'm a moron, a jerk. But you have to give me something; I was trying to get you way before that bet. Come on just one dance. You're not even letting me in your house.

Lou  
Oh. I'm going to regret this...

Ben turns the music on. And starts dancing with Lou.

Ben  
Yeah, your probably are.

Ben and Lou dance for a minute in the porch while the music fades away.

Ben  
The music stopped.

They keep dancing without music for a moment.

Lou  
What music?

Ben and Lou are about to kiss. When fireworks start.

Lou.  
Oh. Look at that, the fireworks began. Not bad, huh?

Ben  
(Looking at Lou while Lou looks at the fireworks). Incredible... What's that?

Lou  
Probably some animal, don't worry. They get uneasy with the sound of the fireworks and the sparks from the skyrockets; they're not used to them.

Ben  
Well, that's scary. Maybe I can...sit next to you and you could protect me.

Lou  
No. I don't trust you enough.

Ben  
Oh... Hey! A spider! That thing is huge!

Ben starts jumping around.

Lou  
It's all right. Stay calm.

Ben  
Get it. Kill it.

Lou  
Watch it. Ok. I got it.

Ben

Lou.

They jump around and end up falling in the couch.

Lou

You did that on purpose.

Ben

All right. I admit it. I worked my way through college by training spiders. And I used to make them jump on all the girls. Great way of getting a date.

Lou and Ben kiss.

Ben

Lou?

Lou

It's ok.

Ben

Listen, if you don't want to...

Lou

Ben, I don't think I've ever wanted anything more in my entire life, ever. I'm just not used to being a one-night stand.

Ben

You don't have to be. I mean you could —

Lou

No, I wouldn't know what to do with myself in Los Angeles. There are too many choices. Let's not think about it, ok?

Lou kisses Ben. Ben separates and stands up

Ben

No. I can't do this to you. I'm sorry.

Ben leaves the house porch.

End of scene.