

**Jerry Macguire- Jerry and Dorothy**

EXT. RAY'S PLAYHOUSE -- NIGHT

Jerry sits finishing a phone call to an advertising account exec. He has come here, to Ray's playhouse for privacy.

JERRY

Tonight. Yeah, the red-eye, I'll be in Arizona on Monday...

Jerry adlibs some salesmanship on Tidwell's behalf. Dorothy approaches. She gives him a few phone messages, sits down. Beat of silence. He sees a look on her face that is unfamiliar.

DOROTHY

It's my fault.

JERRY

What --

DOROTHY

It's not fair to you. This whole --

JERRY

(instant crisis mode)  
Tell me -- let me help --

DOROTHY

I took advantage of you and worst of all, I'm not alone. I did this with a kid. I was just on some ride where I thought I was in love enough for both of us. I did this. And at least I can do something about it now.

JERRY

(damage control)  
Well -- I'm not the guy who's

going to run. I stick.

DOROTHY

I don't need you to "stick."

JERRY

You want...

DOROTHY

I don't know --

JERRY

(it slips out)

...my soul or something.

DOROTHY

Why fucking not! I deserve it.

JERRY

(direct)

Dorothy -- what if I'm just not  
built that way?

DOROTHY

I think we made a mistake here.

But now he can't stop.

JERRY

What if it's true? "Great at  
friendship bad at intimacy." I  
mean, come on. It's the theme of  
my bachelor film --

DOROTHY

I know. I watched it. I sort of  
know it by heart.

JERRY

(absorbs it)

I don't like to give up.

DOROTHY

Oh please. My need to make the best of things, and your need to be what, "responsible"... if one of us doesn't say something now we might lose ten years being polite about it. Why don't we call this next road trip what it is. A nice long break.

JERRY

What about Ray?

She notes the only real glimpse of ache, in that question.

DOROTHY

There's no question you'll be friends. Of course you'll be friends.

JERRY

So this break... is a break-up.

DOROTHY

Come on, Jerry. You know this isn't easy for me.

(more)

DOROTHY (cont'd)

I mean, on the surface, you'd almost think everything was fine.

See, I've got this great guy who loves my kid --

(resolute, no tears)

-- and he sure does like me a lot.

Jerry Maguire, a man who speaks for a living, has nothing to say.

DOROTHY

(continuing)

I can't live that way. It's not the way I'm "built."

He moves to embrace her. She pulls away first.