

Ordinary People Scene

CONRAD  
Whoa!

KAREN  
Hi.

CONRAD  
Karen! How are you?

KAREN  
Good.

CONRAD  
Sit down. Please.

KAREN  
Thank you.

CONRAD  
Wow.

KAREN  
When did you get back?

CONRAD  
The end of August.

KAREN  
Good.

CONRAD  
It's great to see you.

KAREN  
Oh. You. Too. Listen. I won't be able to stay real long. I've got a meeting over at the school. Drama Club meeting. We're doing A Thousand Clowns. You know it? Anyway. We're going crazy getting it together. I'm secretary this year too.

CONRAD  
Don't let me hang you up.

KAREN  
No you're not hanging me up. I really wanted to see you. I didn't know what to expect. You sounded funny on the phone.

CONRAD  
It was just a gray day. Everything's great. I'm back in school. I'm on the swim team.

KAREN

Oh. You're swimming? Terrific.  
Conrad. That's really wonderful.

CONRAD

We haven't had any meets yet. I  
could be benched all year.

KAREN

You'll do great. I'll bet your folks  
are real proud of you.

CONRAD

Yeah.

WAITER

What can I get you guys?

CONRAD

You hungry at all?

KAREN

I just want a coke.

CONRAD

Two cokes. Please.

KAREN

Did we offend him?

CONRAD

Something I said? Definitely a low  
self image day.

KAREN

So. Uh...

CONRAD

Are you...

KAREN

What did...

CONRAD

I can't believe how beautiful you  
look. You really look beautiful.

KAREN

So do you.

CONRAD

Do you miss it?

KAREN

Miss what?

CONRAD

The hospital.

KAREN

No. Thank you.

CONRAD

You don't miss it? At all? Nothing about it?

KAREN

No.

CONRAD

You don't miss Leo's corny jokes.

KAREN

Are you seeing a doctor?

CONRAD

Yeah. I'm seeing one. Are you?

KAREN

Uh. Dr. Crawford gave me a name. I went for awhile. It didn't work. He told me the things I already knew. Finally. I decided...the only one who can help me is myself. At least that's what my dad says. I'm not saying it's not right for you, Conrad. If it's something you want to do. That's what you should be doing.

CONRAD

I don't know how long I'll keep it up. I sort of got shoved into it.

KAREN

Your hair grew in.

CONRAD

Oh. That was such a dumb thing to do.

KAREN

I like it.

CONRAD

You do?

KAREN

Yeah.

CONRAD

I don't know. I just...I miss it sometimes. The hospital. I really do.

KAREN  
Things have to change. You know?

CONRAD  
But that's where we laughed.

KAREN  
But that was a hospital. This is  
the real world.

CONRAD  
Yeah. I guess you're right.

KAREN  
I really have to go. I'm sorry. I  
have a meeting over at the school.  
We're doing A Thousand Clowns.

CONRAD  
You told me.

KAREN  
Did I?

CONRAD  
Yeah.

KAREN  
I better hurry. Don't want to be  
late.

CONRAD  
Thanks for seeing me.

KAREN  
Conrad? Let's have a great Christmas.  
Okay? Let's have...a great year.  
Let's have the best year of our lives.  
This could be the best year ever.

CONRAD  
Yeah.

KAREN  
Yeah.

CONRAD  
Yeah.

KAREN  
Will you call me?

CONRAD  
Yeah.

KAREN  
You mean it?

Yup. CONRAD

You. Uh...You look good, Conrad. KAREN

Yeah. CONRAD

Bye. KAREN

Bye-Bye. CONRAD

Hey! Would you cheer up? KAREN