

RUTH. Well, I'll tell you. It's purely mercenary. My father offered him a job.

BILLY. Oh, he gets you and a job? Harry's cup runneth over! C'mon, Ruth. Let's start ahead and leave the bags for the fellas.

RUTH. All right.

HARRY. George... About that job... Ruth spoke out of turn. I never said I'd take it. You've been holding the bag here for four years, and...well, I won't let you down.

GEORGE. It's alright, Harry, it's alright...

(MUSIC: Underscore / Period song at party.)

JOSEPH. And that night, the homecoming for Harry became his wedding party. Uncle Billy familiarized himself with the spirits.

BILLY. Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy. I feel so good I could spit in Potter's eye! I think I will. What do you say? Maybe I should go home. If you'd just point me in the right direction...

GEORGE. Right down there.

BILLY. That way, huh? Okay, old Building and Loan pal. See you later.

(SFX: Trash cans knocked over.)

BILLY. I'm all right... I'm all right!

MRS. ROSE BAILEY. George?!

GEORGE. Yeah, I'm out here on the porch, Mother. I just thought I would get some air.

(SFX: Door open and close.)

ROSE. Well, how do you like the new sister-in-law?

GEORGE. She's swell.

ROSE. Looks like she'll keep Harry on his toes.

GEORGE. Yeah, keep him out of Bedford Falls, anyway.

ROSE. George, um... Do you know that Mary Hatch is back from school?

GEORGE. Yeah, Yeah...

ROSE. Nice girl, Mary.

GEORGE. Uh huh...

ROSE. Oh, stop grumbling! Give me one good reason you shouldn't call on Mary.

GEORGE. Well, Sam Wainwright. Sam's crazy about her.

ROSE. Well, she's not crazy about him.

GEORGE. Well, now how do you know that? Did she discuss it with you?

ROSE. Besides, Sam is away in New York, and you're here in Bedford Falls.

GEORGE. And all's fair in love and war?

ROSE. I don't know about war.

GEORGE. All right, Mother, I think I'll go out and find the girl and do a little passionate necking.

ROSE. Oh, George!

GEORGE. Bye, Mrs. Bailey. By the way, do you want any books at the library?

ROSE. "The library?!" George! George, you go and see Mary, you hear.

(MUSIC: Transition / Underscore.)

(SFX: Crickets chirp.)

MARY. Hello, George.

GEORGE. Hello, Mary. I just happened to be passing by.

MARY. Your mother just phoned and said you were on your way over to pay me a visit.

GEORGE. My mother just called you? Well, how did she know?

MARY. Well...

GEORGE. I didn't tell anybody. I just went for a walk and happened to be passing by... What do you... Went for a walk, that's all. When did you get back?

MARY. Tuesday... Would you like to come in?

GEORGE. Well, I guess, since I'm here.

(SFX: Door opens, closes.)

GEORGE. Say, where'd you get that dress?

MARY. Do you like it?

GEORGE. It's all right. I thought you'd go back to New York with Sam and Francie and the rest of them.

MARY. Oh, I worked there a couple of vacations, but I don't know... I guess I was homesick.