

SECRET

SURVIVING DESIRE (AS) 1

SHE

Hey mister! Will you marry me?

HE

Me? Why do you wanna marry me?

SHE

Why not?

HE

I could think of a lot of reasons if I weren't so drunk.

SHE

Why are you so drunk?

HE

I don't know. The nights are too long.

SHE

The nights are too long 'cause you have no-one to share them with.

HE

That's a very compassionate way of putting it.

SHE

Marry me!

HE

But I don't know you.

SHE

What does that matter? Does anyone ever really know anyone else?

HE

That's a good point. I'd go a step further and ask does anyone ever really know themselves?

SHE

Exactly.

HE

What's your name?

SHE

Katy.

SURVIVING DESIRE 2

HE

Glad to meet you Katy. Henry.

SHE

How are you, Henry?

HE

Wasted.

SHE

So what d'you say? Will you marry me?

HE

Well, I doubt we can get married right here in the middle of the night.

SHE

We could if we were in Reno.

HE

Yeah.

SHE

God, I wish we lived in Reno.

HE

Let's sleep on it.

SHE

No way, mister.. Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free?

HE

What?

SHE

You know what I mean.

HE

Oh. Oh, we don't have to sleep on it together.

SHE

Why? Don't you think I'm beautiful?

HE

Katy, you're a goddess!

SHE

Listen, pal. Don't waste my time. There are plenty of men out there who'd die trying to marry me.

SURVIVING DESIRE 3

HE

I don't doubt it. Listen, why don't we just get engaged for the time being?

SHE

Engaged, huh?

HE

Yeah. That way I can find us a place to live. Get set up right and proper.

SHE

Why? Don't you have a place to live now?

HE

No, not exactly.

SHE

What about a ring?

HE

Ring?

SHE

A ring! If we're gonna get engaged you gotta give me a ring.

HE

Oh, ring. Here. It's my college ring.

SHE

God! It's beautiful!

HE

It's a little big on you.

SHE

No, it's just perfect, Henry. Thank you.

HE

Aw, it's worth it just to see ya smile like that, Katy.

SHE

So, do you have a job?

HE

A job? Uh, no, not at the moment. I'm working on my Ph.D.

SURVIVING DESIRE 4

SHE

You're a doctor?

HE

Of theology. Almost.

SHE

What are you gonna do when you get out of school?

HE

Oh, I don't know. I've been in school all my life. I don't know how to do anything.

SHE

Well, I hope you don't expect me to go out and support you for the rest of your life!

HE

Quit with the nagging! What a torturous path I've made for myself, shackling myself to you!

(Pause)

SHE

Here, you'd better take your ring back.

HE

Ohh, now.... Katy, don't get so upset. All newlyweds have these little battles. We'll survive.

SHE

You think so?

HE

Absolutely!

SHE

You're a good man, Henry.

HE

Aw, Kate. C'mon, let's go home and get some sleep.

SHE

Okay. I know a place.

HE

Good.