

MURPHY'S ROMANCE 1

HE

Good evening.

SHE

Make me something, Murphy, and talk to me.

HE

How about a chocolate soda?

SHE

All chocolate.

HE

Bobby came by on his way out of town. Bought some diapers and some baby powder. Gave me a cigar.

SHE

Don't smoke it. It might explode.

HE

I don't smoke anyhow.

SHE

I'm in a funny mood and I don't even know where it's coming from. What should I do with my life, Murphy?

HE

Get on with it.

SHE

Should I get rid of the ranch, go back to school, learn something? Should I dye my hair, put an ad in the singles column? What? Tell me what.

MURPHY'S ROMANCE 2

HE

You're a big girl.

SHE

I've done a lot of dumb things. Married too young, to the wrong guy. Didn't go to college. I could've done something with my life. Something more important - maybe a school teacher.

HE

Spilt milk.

SHE

Come on, give me some advice. You know a lot, you've lived a long time.

HE

You want advice, write Dear Abby. You got problems, take them to your local minister. If your head isn't on straight, the Mental Health Clinic's in the phone book. I'm not a lifeguard. I don't put up bail. I'm not your damn Dutch Uncle.

SHE

Wow.

HE

Now, if you don't know how things are, you're not as smart as I thought you were. (Pause) Come on, I'll walk you home.

SHE

Okay. It's a lovely night.

HE

Yes, it is.

MURPHY'S ROMANCE 3

SHE

Did you have a nice ride earlier?

HE

Yes, I did. There's gonna be a beautiful full moon tonight.

SHE

Think it'll rain?

HE

No. It's dry this time of year.

SHE

Are we talking about the weather?

HE

You are.

SHE

It's not what I want to talk about.

HE

Try another tack, Emma.

SHE

Don't know which one to take.

HE

I'll help you. Separate the men from the boys, Emma. I may show some wear, I don't deny it. If the fruit hangs on the tree long enough, it gets ripe. I'm durable. I'm steady and faithful. And I'm in love - for the last time in my life.

SHE

I'm in love too - for the first time in my life.

MURPHY'S ROMANCE 4

HE
So?

SHE
So stay for dinner, Murphy.

HE
I won't do that. Unless I'm still here at breakfast.

SHE
How do you like your eggs?