

NONE TOO SOON  
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GEORGE

I've got a present for you.

HELEN

Whatever it is, I deserve it.....just what I've always wanted: a map of Canada.

GEORGE

Not just a map. A *situation* map. The situation is we go here and from here, we go here and from here, we end up right over here.

HELEN

George, you've done it again. I love it!

GEORGE

You and me..... Face it, honey, they're gone – all of them. We have raised three good ones and they're alllllllll gone. The crisis clinic is *closed*.

HELEN

And I'm ready. You have *nooooo* idea. It's hard to even remember life before motherhood. Is it really over? (beat) Order... Freedom... Privacy.....

GEORGE

It's over, baby. It's all about you and me now.

HELEN

(Pause) It feels weird.....

GEORGE

(Pause) Strange.....

HELEN

I'm scared.

GEORGE

Of what?

HELEN

Of it.

GEORGE

You mean being done?

HELEN

Well, it's new.... I mean, you haven't even gotten rid of Keith's pot plant. So I just haven't had a chance to get used to it. You know? I wonder what they're up to right now – each of them.....I wish they were here.

GEORGE

I don't..... and you're suffering from empty-nest syndrome.

HELEN

They are such a part of me that I don't know how to let go.

GEORGE

Honey, they're a part of me, too, but I *have* to let go. I want my own life again. Our life. You have to let go too.... But we never have to let go all together.

HELEN

Yeah, I know.

GEORGE

All these years you've always said 'it's going be so nice when we don't have to do this all the time. When we're free. Oh, how nice that will be'.

Contr...

We used to joke that we'd never make it, but here we are. We *finally* made it. And now you can't let go.

HELEN

I can let go. I just have to remember how hard it was many times. That should help. (beat) Hey, I have an idea. Why don't we go to Europe instead? We could go to Italy. We always wanted to go there. Venice. We could eat spaghetti and travel in a gondola. We could have our portrait painted in front of the Eiffel tower.

GEORGE

That's in France.

HELEN

Okay. We could travel by rail through the Alps.

GEORGE

That's in Switzerland.

HELEN

See, I really do need to get out more. I don't know where anything is. (beat) Maybe we should go somewhere more familiar. Maybe we should just go with your plan and do a road trip. Do you have any more maps?

GEORGE

You don't want to travel around Canada? How much more familiar can you get?

HELEN

Well, we could step out of our comfort zone a little bit more than Canada. What about the States?

GEORGE

We could do that. Where would you like to go?

HELEN

(long pause) I would like to go to Disneyland.

GEORGE

Disneyland?

HELEN

Yeah.

GEORGE

Oh my God, woman.

HELEN

What? What's wrong with Disneyland?

GEORGE

You want to take the kids.

HELEN

Well, why not?

GEORGE

Honey, they're all grown up now. They're not interested in going to Disneyland. You can't let go, can you?

HELEN

I can. But I'm not ready.