

RETURN TO PARADISE (Short)

SHE

Sheriff.

HE

Hey.

SHE

Well, Hi... I didn't expect to see you. Come on in.

HE

Thanks. How ya doin'?

SHE

Couldn't be better.

HE

Yeah.

SHE

Please give me some good news. Are you...um... did you get my message about dinner?

HE

Yeah. Yeah, I got your message but I can't make dinner, actually, I got some plans tonight. But I did want to return this to you, the tape.

SHE

Uh... okay... Did you watch it?

HE

Yeah, I watched it. I watched the whole thing and...um... I did a lot of soul-searching last night, with this, and I figure you got to know, you know, sooner than later because of everything. I just wanted to come and um, today, let you know where you stand with me.

SHE

That's good. Where do I stand with you?

HE

I talked to Tony and he said that he's, you know, half way to Penang already. I just think he needs a nudge but I think he'll probably go back. But um, you know, I looked inside, deep inside, Beth, to find something, but uh... it isn't in me. I can't go back.

SHE

Oh, it isn't... in you. God, jot that down would you. Do me a favour and write that down. I mean, just a few words. I'd love to give them to Lou right before he hangs, you know. Letter from a pal. Listen, "I searched my soul" was the best part for me. I don't know, that's... that's great. I think he'd love to know that you searched your soul. Before... you decided not to go.

HE

Yeah.

SHE

They just told me that they weighed Lewis today for the trap doors of the gallows.

HE

Beth.

SHE

Get outta here. Get the fuck outta here Sheriff