

THE WOOLGATHERER 1

HE

Don't hit me with this bullshit about true love because I been there and I know better. (Pause) All I said was I want to hold you and you gotta make a big deal.

SHE

It's not my fault I'm this way!

HE

Look, I don't want to hear about your bad childhood.

SHE

I have to be very careful because of my hemophilia.

HE

Your what?

SHE

I have a very rare blood disease. If I get cut I could bleed to death.

HE

I said I want to hold you, not bite you!

SHE

So I have to be very careful.

HE

So how's a man supposed to get near you? I talk, I draw blood, I touch, you go icy. I mean, hey, maybe we should carry this thing on over the telephone. Germless. And when it starts to hurt, you could hang up.

SHE

I don't have a phone.

HE

I'm not talking about phones! I'm talking about me and you! I'm here, you're there, and there's no wall between us except the one you keep building up in your head!

SHE

I don't know what wall you're talking about.

THE WOOLGATHERER 2

HE

Hey, Rosie, I didn't bring chocolates because I got a sweet tooth. I didn't come up here to discuss Brenda or seaweed soup or homophillios. I came up here to be with you. You. And hold you. Make love to you.

SHE

(pause) I don't want to cheat.

HE

So you do have a man?

SHE

Yes.

HE

So why the fuck did you invite me up here?

SHE

And he doesn't curse or smoke or pretend he wants to talk when he wants to touch!

HE

What is he, a priest? Sister Rose and Father Clean!

SHE

Shut up!

HE

What do you guys do for thrills? Whip each other with rosaries?

SHE

Be quiet.

HE

Hallelujah! Father Clean and the Boneless Sardine!

SHE

Shut up! You're jealous!

HE

Oh, I think I'll go home and punch a cotton ball!

SHE

I hate you!

HE

Oh gosh! I think I'll go hang myself!

THE WOOLGATHERER 3

SHE

You're just like everyone else!

HE

No, I think I'll jump out the window!

SHE

Go to hell!

HE

You cursed! Oh, what a trashmouth! Call the Sanitation Department!

SHE

FUCK YOU!

HE

Rose, if you don't watch your mouth, I'm leaving.

SHE

Now for the rest of my life, I can never say I never cursed!

HE

Oh big fuckin' deal! That your only problem in life? You've been cooped up too long, Rosie.

SHE

If I hadn't met you, this would never have happened!

HE

If! If! If! If my aunt had balls, she'd be my uncle! (Pause) Well, look, champ, I was lookin' for a little wham-bam-thank-you-maam, but I guess I turned over the wrong rock. So, catch ya later.

SHE

Can I have your sweater?

HE

Come again?

SHE

Never mind.

HE

No, no, what did you ask me?

SHE

Nothing... I was just... Nothing.

THE WOOLGATHERER 4

HE

Could you have my sweater?

SHE

If you don't want it.

HE

Well, yeah, I was just about to toss it in the garbage on the way out.

SHE

You must think I'm crazy.

HE

Noooooooo.

SHE

Never mind.

HE

Can I ask what for?

SHE

I don't know, to remember you by.

HE

Remember me by.

SHE

Never mind.

HE

It's my work sweater.

SHE

I should've never asked.

HE

It's dirty and I slept in it.

SHE

Never mind.

HE

You don't want me to stay but you want to remember me. That goes way over my head, champ. ... Here, take good care of it.

SHE

Thank you.