

**Lucas**  
**SCENE 4**

(CENTRAL PARK)

[SONG CONTINUES]

(An avenue of trees deployed by the ANCESTORS, against the skyline of New York City. The BEINEKES: MAL, ALICE and LUCAS, enter.)

**ANCESTORS**

DOO DOO DOO DOO  
DOO DOO DOO DOO  
DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

**MAL**

OK, Lucas - enough is enough. Gimme the map.

**ALICE**

I don't see any houses.

**MAL**

Because there aren't any, Alice. We're in the middle of some godforsaken park.

**ALICE**

Central Park, dear.

(guidebook)

"Designed in 1857 by - "

**LUCAS** Wait!

**MAL & ALICE**

What?

**LUCAS**

I know where we are! It's where I first saw her! I was lost in the park and a pigeon dropped at my feet with an arrow in it! And I looked up and there she was - Wednesday, with a crossbow.

**MAL**

A what?

**LUCAS**

A crossbow. You know.

**MAL**

This girl walks around with a crossbow?

**LUCAS**

It's OK dad, she has a permit.

**MAL**

Good. Good choice son. Ok, listen up. Now here's what's going to happen. We're going back to the hotel. And you and I are gonna have a little talk.

**ALICE**

Be patient with him, dear. *(rhyming)*  
*"A father should support his son.  
 And Lucas is your only one."*

**MAL**

*(to Lucas)*

See what you did? Your mother's rhyming again. Let's get back to the hotel and then -

**LUCAS**

*(cutting him off)*

No!

ONE NORMAL NIGHT  
 NO, NOT ONE POEM  
 NOT ONE INSPIRING WORD  
 ONE NORMAL SCENE  
 COMPLETE ROUTINE  
 TONIGHT CAN'T BE ABSURD  
 PLEASE DON'T EMBARRASS ME  
 OR BE COMPLETELY RUDE  
 DON'T MAKE A FUSS  
 ABOUT THE HOUSE  
 ABOUT THE FOOD  
 WHOA! ONE NORMAL NIGHT  
 I KNOW IT'S BIG BUT CAN'T YOU SEE THIS ONE  
 NORMAL NIGHT IS FOR ME!

COME ON!

*(LUCAS exits)*

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**SCENE 6**

*(SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE HOUSE)*

*(WEDNESDAY enters, pursued by LUCAS.)*

**LUCAS**

You realize they're gonna freak when we tell them?

**WEDNESDAY**

My father won't.

**LUCAS**

Why not?

**WEDNESDAY**

I already told him.

**LUCAS**

What? You told your father? Your father, with the sword?  
You told him we were getting married, just like that?

**WEDNESDAY**

He's totally cool with it. Mostly.

**LUCAS**

I thought we were gonna tell them all together!

**WEDNESDAY**

We need his help. You don't know my mother. She could really screw it up.

**LUCAS**

I'm not marrying your mother.

**WEDNESDAY**

I know. Look - it might seem old fashioned, but I want their blessing.

**LUCAS**

You're right, it is old fashioned.

**WEDNESDAY**

Lucas, do you love me?

**LUCAS** Of

course.

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**WEDNESDAY**

Then leave it to me. It's all going according to plan.

**LUCAS**

What plan? There's no plan!

**WEDNESDAY**

That's the plan. Improvise. Keep 'em guessing.

**LUCAS**

You're really crazy.

**WEDNESDAY**

You say that like it's a bad thing. It's just a simple dinner. What could go wrong? Come on.

*(She leads him off. FESTER and ANCESTORS appear again. The kids' love has won over the ANCESTORS.)*

**FESTER**

Aww.

**#8A BUT LOVE REPRISE 2**

BE PATIENT AND SOON THE WAY WILL BE CLEAR  
FOCUS YOUR FEAR  
AND TROUBLES ALL WILL DISAPPEAR  
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING OLD  
**ANCESTORS**  
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE US OUT IN THE COLD

**FESTER**

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE  
BUT LOVE

**ANCESTORS**

BUT LOVE

**FESTER** BUT

LOVE