

## SIDE H: Photographer, Hardware Store Owner

Okay  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

Until we are buried next to each other.  
LIBRARIAN

This is getting morbid.  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

Just tell me you love me forever and always.  
LIBRARIAN

I do.  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

*(THE PHOTOGRAPHER has given all her flowers away except for one. She gives this to the LIBRARIAN now. The lights change. The music changes. THE LIBRARIAN and THE HARDWARE STORE owner separate and HE begins to dance with the PHOTOGRAPHER. They are all older now. THE LIBRARIAN moves outside and watches them through the hardware store window.)*

**Start** →  
Suzanne.  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

Charlie.  
PHOTOGRAPHER

I knew you were still here. Somehow.  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

I never wanted to leave you. You know that.  
PHOTOGRAPHER

I miss you so much it hurts.  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

Me too, Charlie. Me too.  
PHOTOGRAPHER

Some days, now, I wonder what for. With you it was bearable, but now—  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

You got to find your own reasons. Please. I want to know, when I'm gone, you'll be okay.  
PHOTOGRAPHER

Don't go.  
HARDWARE STORE OWNER

PHOTOGRAPHER

I want you—I want you to go to her.

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

No.

PHOTOGRAPHER

It's what I want. And what you want too. You're alive. Be alive.

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

I forgot how.

PHOTOGRAPHER

You'll pick it back up.

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

*(Starting to come around.)*

What if . . . What if I do it all wrong?

PHOTOGRAPHER

You can't do nothing new and wonder why you're unhappy with your life.

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

*(accepting.)*

I know.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Bye, Charlie.

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

**End**

This doesn't mean I'll forget you.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Goodbye.

*(She kisses him, moves away. The Lights become normal daytime lights. THE LIBRARIAN has re-entered. We are in the Hardware Store and THE LIBRARIAN and THE HARDWARE STORE OWNER look at each other. Some time has passed but no time has passed.)*

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

I was wondering when I'd see you again.

LIBRARIAN

I forgot the lightbulbs.

HARDWARE STORE OWNER

I'm glad you came back.

LIBRARIAN

You are?

HARDWARE STORE OWNER