

Ordinary People Scene

CONRAD
Whoa!

KAREN
Hi.

CONRAD
Karen! How are you?

KAREN
Good.

CONRAD
Sit down. Please.

KAREN
Thank you.

CONRAD
Wow.

KAREN
When did you get back?

CONRAD
The end of August.

KAREN
Good.

CONRAD
It's great to see you.

KAREN
Oh. You. Too. Listen. I won't be able to stay real long. I've got a meeting over at the school. Drama Club meeting. We're doing A Thousand Clowns. You know it? Anyway. We're going crazy getting it together. I'm secretary this year too.

CONRAD
Don't let me hang you up.

KAREN
No you're not hanging me up. I really wanted to see you. I didn't know what to expect. You sounded funny on the phone.

CONRAD
It was just a gray day. Everything's great. I'm back in school. I'm on the swim team.

KAREN

Oh. You're swimming? Terrific.
Conrad. That's really wonderful.

CONRAD

We haven't had any meets yet. I
could be benched all year.

KAREN

You'll do great. I'll bet your folks
are real proud of you.

CONRAD

Yeah.

WAITER

What can I get you guys?

CONRAD

You hungry at all?

KAREN

I just want a coke.

CONRAD

Two cokes. Please.

KAREN

Did we offend him?

CONRAD

Something I said? Definitely a low
self image day.

KAREN

So. Uh...

CONRAD

Are you...

KAREN

What did...

CONRAD

I can't believe how beautiful you
look. You really look beautiful.

KAREN

So do you.

CONRAD

Do you miss it?

KAREN

Miss what?

CONRAD

The hospital.

KAREN

No. Thank you.

CONRAD

You don't miss it? At all? Nothing about it?

KAREN

No.

CONRAD

You don't miss Leo's corny jokes.

KAREN

Are you seeing a doctor?

CONRAD

Yeah. I'm seeing one. Are you?

KAREN

Uh. Dr. Crawford gave me a name. I went for awhile. It didn't work. He told me the things I already knew. Finally. I decided...the only one who can help me is myself. At least that's what my dad says. I'm not saying it's not right for you, Conrad. If it's something you want to do. That's what you should be doing.

CONRAD

I don't know how long I'll keep it up. I sort of got shoved into it.

KAREN

Your hair grew in.

CONRAD

Oh. That was such a dumb thing to do.

KAREN

I like it.

CONRAD

You do?

KAREN

Yeah.

CONRAD

I don't know. I just...I miss it sometimes. The hospital. I really do.

KAREN
Things have to change. You know?

CONRAD
But that's where we laughed.

KAREN
But that was a hospital. This is
the real world.

CONRAD
Yeah. I guess you're right.

KAREN
I really have to go. I'm sorry. I
have a meeting over at the school.
We're doing A Thousand Clowns.

CONRAD
You told me.

KAREN
Did I?

CONRAD
Yeah.

KAREN
I better hurry. Don't want to be
late.

CONRAD
Thanks for seeing me.

KAREN
Conrad? Let's have a great Christmas.
Okay? Let's have...a great year.
Let's have the best year of our lives.
This could be the best year ever.

CONRAD
Yeah.

KAREN
Yeah.

CONRAD
Yeah.

KAREN
Will you call me?

CONRAD
Yeah.

KAREN
You mean it?

CONRAD
Yup.

KAREN
You. Uh...You look good, Conrad.

CONRAD
Yeah.

KAREN
Bye.

CONRAD
Bye-Bye.

KAREN
Hey! Would you cheer up?