

ETERNITY

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TIME: Distant Future

PLACE: In the After life

CHARACTERS:

WENDY – A pretty girl in her late 20's. She was raised in a small Texas town and has good morals. She has on a nice white dress, that isn't too flashy for her old town ethics.
BERT – A regular looking guy in his early 30's. He was raised in a small Texas town and has good morals. He is dressed all in white.

Playwright's note. In the end, all your mistakes vanish.

BERT is sitting on the ground looking up into the sky holding his hands. He looks at peace. He walks and looks around then sits back down staring out into nowhere.
WENDY walks up behind him without him seeing her, then sits down near him.

WENDY

Hello Bert.

BERT

Where....am I?

WENDY

You're dead.

BERT

Dead?

WENDY

That's right. You died about three minutes ago.

BERT

I'm dead. (Beat) I'm....dead? Funny I don't feel dead.

WENDY

We all said that. Trust me Bert, you're dead. Dead as the preverbal door nail.

BERT

Where....am I? Is this Heaven? Everything is white. I can't smell anything either.

WENDY

This is the after life. Welcome to it, Bert.

BERT

(Looking at WENDY for the first time) You look familiar. I knew you at one time.

WENDY

Yes you did Bert.

BERT

You....were special to me.

WENDY

Yes. Very special. (Beat) And you were very special to me.

BERT

I loved you.

WENDY

Yes. Yes you did Bert. You loved me with all your heart and soul. And you would've done anything for me.

BERT

You....left me. (Beat) I was so sad.

WENDY

Yes. So was I.

BERT

Why are you here?

WENDY

To help you on your final journey. (Beat) And to finish mine.

BERT

So you're dead too? How old were you when it happened?

WENDY

The last time I checked, I was young Bert. (She takes her own pulse) Yeah, still dead.

BERT

How old was I when I croaked?

WENDY

Very old and wise.

BERT

Good. For some reason that gives me peace.

WENDY

It doesn't matter here Bert. Not much what you did on Earth really matters here.

BERT

I feel great here. Euphoric, really. I can't believe that this is death. All my pain has vanished. Not a care in the world now. However, I miss my....body. I feel like a ghost.

WENDY

Bert, you are a ghost. Your body is on Earth and your sprit is in the after life.

BERT

Wow. Fascinating. (Beat) To be so a live, but at the same time being so dead.

WENDY

It won't take long for it to feel normal. You had nine months to get ready for your life on Earth. So far you have barely been in the after life for ten minutes. You'll get use to it soon. Give it a little time Bert.

BERT

Are you my guide here?

WENDY

In some ways.

BERT

I never married, did I?

WENDY

No Bert, you never did. That doesn't matter here.

BERT

But... you did.

WENDY

Yes, however here Bert, it doesn't matter. It seems like a lifetime ago when I was alive.

BERT

I'm still seeing....vague images. I feel emotions. People are sad that I'm dead. A lot of people.

WENDY

Bert, you changed and influenced so many lives. When you died, the whole nation mourned.

BERT

I was famous. A musician. I played guitar and sang.....my own songs.

WENDY

Yes Bert. You changed the world with your sad, whiney, emo songs. They gave people hope. A way to escape their pain and sorrows.

BERT

Playing my songs.....gave me so much joy. That was the one thing that I had left that I loved. One by one I lost every thing else. (Beat) You.....you're name.

WENDY

It's....

BERT

Don't tell me. I know it. (Beat) Wendy. I love you Wendy. (Beat) I never forgot you. I thought about you everyday. I prayed for soul every night.

WENDY

I needed your prayers. Thank you Bert for praying for me. I knew that you did.

BERT

There's more. I love you. Wendy I was in love with you. We were soul mates, right?

WENDY

That's what you once told me. And Bert, you were right. That's why I'm here with you.

BERT

Sometimes Wendy, I would look at the stars and hope that you were looking at the same ones. That gave me solace. It made me feel, that you were still with me.

WENDY

Bert, I was gone physically but I never left your heart. I was always with you. And you were always with me. (Beat) That got me through, all of my mistakes.

BERT

Oh Wendy, I missed you so much. Your smile. Your laugh. Your.....aura.

WENDY

Bert, I missed you so much it hurt. So much. (Beat) I named my son after you.

BERT

How did my namesake turn out?

WENDY

(Beat) He died young. Real young. Of an overdose.

BERT

I'm sorry. That must've been horrible.

WENDY

No parent should out live their children. (Beat) I often thought that if you were his father, things would've been different.

BERT

Your husband.....

WENDY

Ran off with his secretary. To Mexico, without leaving me a dime to support us.

BERT

I wished I knew that.

WENDY

I wanted to tell you, but you were a star. (Beat) Yeah I used to love watching you on the late night talk shows. Bert you were so funny. I laughed so much those nights.

BERT

Funny, I don't remember doing that. I do remember that I hoped that I would see you at a concert one night. After each concert, I would remain on stage waiting. Hoping.

WENDY

I wished I could've seen you too! Being a single mom, I had to work two shifts at a greasy spoon to make ends meet. After I left you, life was hard on me.

BERT

Why did you marry your husband? Did you ever find that love you used to talk about?

WENDY

I thought I did. But you were right. I should've married someone that I liked instead of someone that I fell in love with. That was the worst three years of my life. Bert right before he left me, I looked into my mirror and I saw a person that was dead on the inside. That made me dead on the outside too. All I saw were these....dead eyes. I hated my life. I was waiting to die. Hoping to end the misery.

BERT

Wendy, would it have been different if you had married me?

WENDY

You would've treated me like a queen. And I would've treated you as my king. It would've been a great marriage. Because we loved one another and were soul mates.

BERT

I guess we'll never know.

WENDY

Well Bert, the past is the past here. We have an eternity to spend together. Just you and I, doing whatever we want.

BERT

(Takes her hand) Finally we can travel to those stars together. Go to any place and any time. I want to see a black hole.

WENDY

We can go wherever you like Bert.

BERT

Wendy, how about the second star to the right? Straight on until morning?

WENDY

That sounds like a grand idea. I'll bring the pixie dust.

BERT

(Lets go of her hand) I'm no longer mad at you. After you left me for him, I loved you so much, that I had to hate you so that I could live. So I could go on, without you.

WENDY

I understand.

BERT

That was tearing me up. One day, I decided to stop hating you for what you did. Accepted it. Then I opened the door and started to rock the world with my songs about you. You and me. Our love was known to all my fans. They all sung our songs.

WENDY

I listened to every one of your songs Bert. When I was alone, I would put in the CD and cry myself to sleep. All your songs were about you and me?

BERT

You write what you know. You write what's on your mind. You write about what makes you not sleep at night.

WENDY

Bert, I sorry I broke your heart. Leaving you was the biggest mistake I ever made.

BERT

Letting you leave, was mine. Wendy, I love you even more now. The light of my life.

WENDY

My sweet prince that protected me from monsters, dragons and lions.

(They stand up and hold each other and gently kiss each other.)

BERT

My sweet princess that gave me hope in a sad and lonely world.

WENDY

Bert you always protected me. You save my soul from the dark path. I lost my dead eyes.

BERT

Wendy you always protected me. You save my spirit when it was empty. I lost my dead heart.

WENDY

Finally we're together. Forever more.

BERT

Well Wendy, we have eternity to hang out together, I guess we had better get started.

WENDY

Better late than never. So what are we doing the next billion plus years Bert?

BERT

(Thinking) Chasing all of my fantasies.

WENDY

Bert you've done that your entire life. Why not try something different?

BERT

Hum, I honesty don't care what we do. As long as it's with you. (Beat) So let's rock the universe. And this time with my dream girl and my soul mate on my arm.

WENDY

No. With my soul mate on my arm. You can do the rockin' though.

BERT

Ok. That does sound better. Wendy, sometimes dreams do come true. Even if it takes an...eternity.

(WENDY kisses BERT on his cheek then BERT and WENDY lock arms and walk into a bright white light. They start to turn back, then suddenly they don't and they continue into the bright white light.)

FADE TO BLACK

THE END