

Growing Up

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INT. HALL. NIGHT

Moving slowly down a hallway, photos can be seen on the walls. They are of a boy growing up in each following photo.

MAX (O.C)

Everything is so much easier as a kid. All you wanted to do was have fun and try to stay up past nine.

Photos of the boy playing football and turning 11 go by.

INT. DINING ROOM. NIGHT

In the dining room, a candlelit dinner is seen laid out as photos of a boy in a high school uniform are on the walls, subsequent photos showing him growing up through school.

MAX (O.C)

Then you get to high school and things change. Girls come into the equation. What were once ugly, smelly gir-

MADDIE (O.C)

(Interrupting)

Hey!

MAX (O.C)

(Correcting self)

I'm sorry, what were once pretty, lovely girls you ignored while playing became the pretty, lovely girls who ignored you.

MADDIE (O.C)

I didn't ignore you.

Photos of a pretty high school girl appear, first separate-

MAX (O.C)

That's right, you didn't ignore me.

-And then together with the boy. Photos of the boy carrying her on his back, photos in town with friends and more.

INT. LIVING ROOM. NIGHT

In living room flowers and a box of chocolates are seen.

MAX (O.C)
 Didn't mean it wasn't hard.

A university era photo of them ripped in half and taped back together is seen framed.

MADDIE (O.C)
 Uni was hard, all those miles away.

MAX (O.C)
 But we did it.

Separate photos of the two of them graduating.

MADDIE (O.C)
 Yes we did.

Photo of the two of them outside a church at their wedding.

MAX (O.C)
 And I wouldn't have it any other way...

The couple are seen together outside a nice house, holiday photos, photos of them with their children.

A blanket fort has been erected in the living room. Inside-

INT. BLANKET FORT. NIGHT

-We find our couple, MAX and MADDIE. They are much older than seen before, holding hands inside the fort.

MAX
 ...I couldn't have asked for anyone better to grow old with.

MADDIE
 Happy Valentine's Day, my love.

They smile at each other and kiss like they were 17 again. Outside we hear young children coming into the house rushing towards the blanket fort.

CHILDREN (O.C)
 Grandma! Grandpa!

FADE OUT.