

Beloved

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EXT. SUBURBAN ROAD - NIGHT

JAMES and LUCY are walking along, his arm around her shoulder. Lucy holds a small bouquet of flowers. They are both in their 30/40s and they're not wearing the latest fashion (of the past few years).

Suddenly, on the opposite side of the street, a woman screams. James and Lucy look over, and the scream turns to laughter - it's just a youthful couple playing, the laughs stopping as they engage in a passionate kiss.

LUCY
Ahh. Young love...

JAMES and LUCY continue walking along the road.

JAMES
Remember when we were like that?

LUCY
Aren't we still?

JAMES gives a slight sigh.

JAMES
Too much has changed.

LUCY
In all the ways that really count
we are.

They get to the grounds of an old church.

JAMES
Despite everything else, whenever
I come here I still think of our
wedding.

LUCY
Mmmm. (BEAT) The happiest day of
my life.

JAMES
It seems so very long ago, now.

LUCY
It does - yet I remember every
single detail as if it was only
yesterday.

JAMES glances at his watch, as they walk into the church grounds.

JAMES
It's nearly time to go.

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LUCY

I don't want this night to end. I never want our nights together to end.

JAMES

I don't want it to end - but...

LUCY

Why do you have to leave? It seems so unfair - heaven isn't heaven without you.

JAMES

Shhh. (BEAT) We'll be together again soon.

LUCY

Soon? A year's not soon.

JAMES

You know it doesn't seem like a year, not like it used to.

They stop walking.

LUCY

But I hate every second we're apart. Why can't we be together? It seems so unfair - heaven isn't heaven without you.

They embrace and kiss - savouring a lingering kiss.

JAMES

I love you, Lucy.

LUCY

And I love you, James (BEAT) and I always will.

From the distance clock chimes can be heard. JAMES and LUCY kiss again.

As they kiss they start to fade out of this reality, the shot shows that the gravestones behind them are for "James Anthony Carlton, beloved husband of Lucy" and "Lucy Carlton, beloved wife of James". Both showing that they died on 14th February 1982.

LUCY (V/O)

Next year can't come too soon.