

DEDICATION

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EXT. MIDDLE CLASS HOUSE. NIGHT

Late 20's Paula is hanging out the open back window of a cab holding mid 50's Karen's hand.

PAULA

You don't want me to stay?

KAREN

Its OK. Go to your new job. What would your father say?

PAULA

It's like "kisses in the garden".

KAREN

Exactly. Now go.

They kiss. The cab drives off. Karen enters the empty house.

I/E. TAXICAB. NIGHT

Mid 50's driver looks at Paula via the rear vision mirror.

DRIVER

First Valentine's Day for your mum since your dad passed?

PAULA

Yeah. Thirty odd years ago they met queuing for concert tickets. Married four days later.

DRIVER

That's romantic.

PAULA

They adored each other. Always had cute little sayings --

DRIVER

Like that "Kisses in the garden."?

PAULA

Exactly. Nobody knows what it really means...except that it's something exceptional. It was a private joke they shared.

DRIVER

Wait. What year did they met?

PAULA

Um...'76. No '77.

The driver starts CHUCKLING.

DRIVER
And they named you Paula?

PAULA
Paula Jean actually...but so what?

The driver bursts out laughing.

INT. KAREN'S HOUSE. NIGHT

Karen hangs up the phone and turns up the stereo.

DJ (V.O.)
Never thought I'd be playing this
song today, but here it is, a
special long distance dedication
from Karen to Bernie.

I/E. TAXICAB. NIGHT

DRIVER
I was at that concert too.

He points out at a concert stub from dozens of other that
are decorating the cab's ceiling. Paula leans forward.

CLOSE UP: "FEB 18TH 1977 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: KISS"

PAULA
So "kisses in the garden" is
actually--

DRIVER
Kiss is in the garden!

They both laugh.

PAULA
So that means I'm named after--

They both laugh again.

INT. KAREN'S HOUSE. NIGHT

KAREN
Happy Valentines Day, Bernie.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
You wanted the best! You got the
best! The hottest band in the
world...

FADE OUT: