

Adieu, My Love

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FADE IN:

EXT. CEMETERY - DAY

It's a cold February day.

A woman's face, SHERYL (30), shows mixed emotions. Her smile is fake, her lips tremble. Her eyes close shut.

INT. CAR - FLASHBACK - DAY

A home video of a couple, Sheryl and her husband, MICHAEL (30). Sheryl holds the camera and records him driving. He notices and puts his hand on the lens.

MICHAEL
(fake whines)
Sheryl, stop filming me.

SHERYL
I just want the world to see how
handsome you are.

Michael's hand falls from the camera and he focuses on the road. He sticks his tongue out at Sheryl as she laughs.

EXT. CEMETERY - PRESENT - DAY

Sheryl walks up a path, passing tombstones.

INT. CABIN - FLASHBACK - NIGHT

A home video, carried by Michael. He follows a trail of rose petals to a bedroom. The bedroom is lit up by candles and decorated with rose petals.

MICHAEL (O.C.)
She's going to love this surprise.

The camera turns to him.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
Hello love, I hope you like this!

Michael blows a kiss to the camera. The image freezes.

EXT. CEMETERY - PRESENT - DAY

Sheryl stands behind a tombstone. She looks down at something.

MICHAEL (O.S.)
Hello, love.

INT. CAR - FLASHBACK - NIGHT

Sheryl drives the car. A bag of food sits beside her. She smiles to herself. Love songs play from the radio. She stops at a red light. Her phone rings and she answers.

SHERYL
Yes, I'm on my way with the dinner.

The light turns green. She starts driving. Headlights appear beside her window.

SHERYL (CONT'D)
(smiling)
I love-

EXT. CEMETERY - PRESENT - DAY

The sound of metal crushing is heard.

Michael (31), crouched down, faces the tombstone. He places flowers down on the ground. He leans down on one knee, holding a picture of Sheryl in his hand.

Sheryl appears in front of Michael. The picture separates their faces. Michael stares, holding back his tears.

MICHAEL
I miss you so much. I love you.

Sheryl starts to cry.

SHERYL
(through tears)
I love you, too.

He leans to kiss the picture. Sheryl leans in to kiss him. They're lips touch, but Michael is unaware. She disappears. He places the picture with the flowers.

The tombstone shows: "Sheryl Graham July 28, 1980 - February 14, 2011"

FADE TO BLACK.