

The Notebook

Anne
Let's take a drive.

Allie
Let's take a drive? Why would I want
to go anywhere with you?

Anne
Because I might know you
a little better than you think.
And I don't want you waking up one morning
thinking that if you'd known everything,
you might have done something different.

They Drive to an old lumbar yard.

Allie
What are we doing here, Mama?

Anne
Do you see that man, there?

Allie
Mm-hmm.

Anne
Don't look like it now, but years ago...
oh my goodness, he was really something.
We were out of our minds in love,
let me tell you.

Allie
Wow.

Anne
Well, naturally, your grandfather was
furious, so... we decided
to run away. We didn't even make the next town
before the police picked us up.
But that was then. You know sometimes
when I'm in the area, I just stop here
and I watch him, trying to picture how
different my life might have been.
I want you to know that I love your father.

Allie
Mama, I'm...

Anne
No, goddamn it, this is important
and you need to hear it. I do.
He is a wonderful man. He is good to me
and I don't deserve him.
I love him, Allie, I do, I love him.

Allie
I know.

Anne
Oh, God. Oh, this is just
very embarrassing. Oh, I'm a stupid woman.
Look at me, the big old bawl-bag.
It's crazy. I don't even know
who that person is. Oh, boy. Allie!

Allie
(hugging her mother)
It's okay.

Anne
I hope you make the right choice.