

MAL SIDES #2

LUCAS

Then you'll be the last thing I ever see.

WEDNESDAY

That is sohot.

(LUCAS runs to the tree, apple on his head. WEDNESDAY aims, blindly. The ANCESTORS enter.)

LUCAS

Ready!

(WEDNESDAY fires her crossbow. In SLO-MO "Matrix" rhythm, the ANCESTORS guide the arrow to split the apple. Then back to normal speed, as LUCAS screams.)

WEDNESDAY

Omigod!

(She tears the blindfold off, to see LUCAS unhurt.)

LUCAS

Gotcha. Now will you marry me?

WEDNESDAY

Oh, yes, Lewis. A thousand times yes.

LUCAS

Lucas. Lucas.

WEDNESDAY

Gotcha!

(She runs, he happily chases her off. MAL appears from behind the tree thrown by what he's just heard. Now FESTER appears.)

FESTER

START Did you hear that?

(Mal nods)

The boy was willing to die for love.

(then)

Hard to believe he's your son.

MAL

(in awe and envy)
He was so happy.

FESTER

Remember that? Being happy?

MAL

Yeah, What happened?

FESTER

You've turned into an unfeeling, rigid, selfish control freak.

MAL

Fester you're a wise person. How can I fix this? What do I do?

FESTER

Don't worry, it will come to you.
(FESTER signals off stage.)

MAL

I wasn't always this way. I was happy-go-lucky once. I told jokes and played the guitar and slept until noon. But then you get a wife and a kid and a mortgage...
(ALICE appears. Mal stops when he sees her.)

[MUSIC FADES]

FESTER

Keep going.

MAL

But what do I say?

FESTER

Just remember how you felt the first time you saw her.
(Fester leaves, taking all the ANCESTORS with him, MAL stares at ALICE. ALICE waits. Then, finally--)

MAL

(Hopefully)
Alice. It's Mal.

ALICE

I know.

MAL

No, the old Mal.

ALICE

The old Mal? With the guitar and the T-shirt?

MAL

And the head-band.

ALICE

(Remembering, a smile)

Omigod. The head-band.

(Then)

You were pretty crazy back then, you know that?

MAL

Yeah, I know.

(MAL clears his throat once and turns out)

"I guess I got stuck, Alice -
More than most men.
But mama, I swear
I'll be crazy again."

ALICE

Mal, you're rhyming.

[MUSIC IN]

MAL

For you, baby. Just for you. **END**

I LEARNED FROM LUCAS
I LEARNED FROM YOU
I WASN'T HAPPY.
I WASN'T TRUE.
BUT THEN THE WAY YOU SPOKE AT DINNER TOUCHED MY SOUL
COMPLETELY CRAZY, YET COMPLETELY IN CONTROL
SO, WHEN YOU KICKED ME OUT I SAID "LET'S ROCK AND
ROLL!"

SO I'LL BE
CRAZIER THAN YOU