

SCENE 5

ANOTHER PART OF THE OLD FAIRGROUNDS.

(DENNIS and JIM enter.)

JIM

Hi, Dennis. Do you know where Natalie is?

DENNIS

She's around here somewhere, Mr. Haller.

JIM

Really? Well, if you see her, tell her I need to speak with her. I need to speak with someone -

DENNIS

Mr. Haller, would you like to speak with me?

JIM

That's okay, Dennis, I...

(a beat)

Have you ever been in love?

DENNIS

Once. With this real special girl.

JIM

Did she love you back?

DENNIS

No.

JIM

It's a terrible thing, isn't it? Tonight, I told the woman I love how I feel, and, well... ..Anyway, thanks for the talk.

DENNIS

Hey, Mr. Haller. Are you happy you told her?

JIM

What?

DENNIS

I mean... I never really told my girl how I feel. And I'm leavin' town soon.

JIM

You have to tell her, Dennis. After all, you never know what she might say.

DENNIS

But what if she breaks my heart?

JIM

Then you and I can go drinkin'.

DENNIS

Thanks, Mr. Haller, I'm gonna go tell her tonight!
(starts to rush off)

Dennis, one more th  w someone named Ed?

DENNIS

No, sir.

(DENNIS rushes off. JIM sits. SYLVIA enters. She wears her fanciest dress. She looks great.)

SYLVIA

Hey, Jim.

JIM

Sylvia, what're you doin' out here?

SYLVIA

ust takin' a walk -

JIM

his time of night? Hey, isn't that your Sunday dress? And
re those blue suede heels?

SYLVIA

u like?