



The Last Romance
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Audition Side
Carol 2

RALPH

I can come on a little strong, can't I?

CAROL

Yes.

RALPH

That's what my wife used to say.

CAROL

She was right.

RALPH

She usually was.

CAROL

Oh, she's by that hole again-

RALPH

Yell at her.

CAROL

No.

RALPH

Just try it. I bet you even enjoy it –

CAROL

Peaches –

RALPH

She's gonna go through that hole and maybe you'll never see her again.

CAROL

Peaches-

RALPH

You know what you are?

CAROL

Peaches, please –

RALPH

You're that person you didn't want to become- a cranky old lady afraid to do nothin' new, afraid to change, afraid to be part of this world –

CAROL

(Suddenly, ferociously)

PEACHES GET AWAY FROM THAT HOLE! NOW! NOW! NOW!

RALPH

You got some set of pipes on you.

CAROL

I SAID NOW, DAMN IT, NOW!

RALPH

Were you in the marines at some point?

CAROL

Oh my gosh, she moved away from the fence –

RALPH

I told you so.

CAROL

She listened to me –

RALPH

You can thank me if you want.

CAROL

She saved me, you know –

RALPH

That little dog?

CAROL

Yes, after my husband ... -- if it wasn't for her, if I didn't have her to take care of, if I didn't have her in my bed at night- I don't know what I would've done.

RALPH

Hey, she's starin' right at us, like she knows you're talkin' about her.

CAROL

You know something, she does look a little bit like a rat.

RALPH

See. And you should yell like that more often.

CAROL

I can't believe I did that-

They share a laugh.

RALPH

So your husband then - he died?

CAROL

You know what I'd prefer to talk about -- opera.

RALPH

Aha! You're finally coming to your senses!