



The Last Romance
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Audition Side
Rose 1

ROSE enters and walks up behind him.

ROSE

Ralph!

RALPH

(startled)

Oh, Madonn!

ROSE

Since when do you leave the house without telling me?

RALPH

You scared me, Rose.

ROSE

Since when do you leave the house without telling me?

RALPH

You want to give me a heart attack?

ROSE

I saw you were gone. I got worried.

RALPH

Madonn –

ROSE

You always tell me when you 're goin' out -

RALPH

So I forgot.

ROSE

My heart almost stopped.

RALPH

Madonn.

ROSE

I'm sorry for worrying about you. I'm just happy you're not dead in a gutter.

RALPH

I'm happy about that, too. How' d you find me?

ROSE

Annette told me she saw you come this way.

RALPH

Annette's got a big mouth.

ROSE

Don't talk like that, she's a good friend.

RALPH

She's a good friend with a big mouth.

ROSE

She saw you walk into the park –

RALPH

Okay, so I walked into the park.

ROSE

What is this place?

RALPH

What does it look like?

ROSE

There are a lot of dogs.

RALPH

It's a little park for dogs.

ROSE

It's filthy.

RALPH

It's for dogs!

ROSE

So what're you doing here?

RALPH

What? I can't be here?

ROSE

You don't have a dog.

RALPH

Can't a man just sit somewhere?

ROSE

You don't have a dog.

RALPH

I'm fine, Rose, go home. I'll see you later.

ROSE

You still haven't answered my question –

RALPH

What do you want from me, Rose?

ROSE

What're you doing here?

RALPH

I like looking at the dogs.

We hear a small dog yapping near ROSE.

Look, that one's saying hello to you –

ROSE

I don't like dogs.

(to the barking dog)

Shut up!

RALPH

Go home, Rose.