

## Another Year

**Mary**

Hi, Joe.

**Joe**

Hi.

**Mary**

You come back to me?

**Joe**

I have.

**Mary**

They all come back in the end.

**Joe**

Do they?

**Mary**

In my nightmares.

**Joe**

It's as bad as that, is it?

**Mary**

Let's not open that can of worms.

**Joe**

No, let's leave that closed.

**Mary**

Not today, anyway.....How are you, Joe?...Life treating you kind?

**Joe**

Can't complain.

**Mary**

Really?

**Joe**

Yes.

**Mary**

Nothing you want to share with me?

**Joe**

I don't think so.

**Mary**

Because you know that you can talk to me anytime you like.

**Joe**

Well I'll come and find you if I need you.

**Mary**

Yeah...I like to feel that I'm always there for you.

**Joe**

Thanks, Mary.....How are you?

**Mary**

Yeah, I'm all right. No, I'm great, actually.

**Joe**

Well, you look well.

**Mary**

Do I? Thank you.....I suddenly feel really liberated.

**Joe**

Well, you're a free spirit now, aren't you?

**Mary**

I know.

**Joe**

You're your own woman. The world's your oyster.

**Mary**

It's so exciting, isn't it? I feel like Thelma and Louise.....  
This little car is going to change my life.

**Joe**

Let's hope so.

**Mary**

I do feel a bit guilty, though. But at the end of the day,  
so what? It's my little present to me.

**Joe**

That's fair enough.

**Mary**

Yeah....Because if I don't treat myself, nobody else is going  
to are they?

**Joe**

What are you going to call this car?

**Mary**

I don't know. Why? Do you give names to things?

**Joe**

I've got names for everything.

**Mary**

Really? Like what?

**Joe**

Well, my nose is called Roger.

**Mary**

You mean your body parts?

**Joe**

Yeah, I'm not going to introduce you to everyone though.

**Mary**

What, not even little Percy?

**Joe**

You've already met my knee, then.

**Mary**

Joe, we must go out and have a drink one night. We have such a laugh.

**Joe**

Yeah, we do.

**Mary**

You see, the thing about you and me is that we've always just sort of clicked, haven't we?

**Joe**

Yeah.

**Mary**

It's nice when that happens, isn't it?.....Do you remember when you showed me your little box?

**Joe**

Yes.

**Mary**

You wouldn't tell me what was in it.

**Joe**

I'm still not gonna tell you.

**Mary**

I know.

**Joe**

What?

**Mary**

I'm not telling you.....I still think about that. We had a barbeque that day, didn't we?.....It still smells the same. It's messy, isn't it? Your kids will enjoy playing in here, won't they?.....One day.....So, is there anyone special in you life at the moment, Joe?

**Joe**

No.

**Mary**

Good....No, what I mean is, that's all right. You're comfortable with that, aren't you?

**Joe**

Am I?

**Mary**

Well, the thing is Joe, you're young. You still want to be out there, don't you?

**Joe**

What, sowing my wild oats?

**Mary**

Well, yeah. Live life while you can. Don't think about tomorrow.

**Joe**

A lot of my friends are getting married.

**Mary**

But, yeah, you wanna be careful Joe, because...See, I got married in my teens and granted, he was the wrong man, but I was too young. I couldn't handle it. But when I was in my 20's, I met the right man, and I was mature, I was ready for it.....I mean, he left me, but what can you do?

**Joe**

It's never too late, Mary.

**Mary**

No, I know it isn't, Joe. And you know me, I'm very much a glass half full kind of girl. But it's tricky because I meet these older men who want somebody younger, and that's great because I fit the bill. But when they find out that, you know, I'm not as young as thought, they don't want to know.....My looks work against me.....How old do you think I look Joe?

**Joe**

Sixty? Seventy?

**Mary**

Oh, Stop it. (Laughs).....It's all right. You don't have to answer that. So, when are we going to have this drink then?

**Joe**

I don't know. I'll have to check my diary.



**Mary**

You do that. Give me a call.

**Joe**

I will.

**Mary**

Promise?

**Joe**

I promise.