

Danny / Sandy

Scene Three

(Scene: Scene comes up on Greased Lightning at the Twilight Drive-In Theatre. SANDY and DANNY are sitting alone at opposite ends of the front seat staring straight ahead in awkward silence. Movie music is coming out of a portable speaker. DANNY is sipping a quart of beer. Dialogue from the movie begins to come out of the speaker over eerie background music.)

GIRL'S VOICE. It was...like an animal...with awful clawing hands and...and...hideous fangs...oh, it was like a nightmare!

HERO'S VOICE. There, there, you're safe now, Sheila.

SCIENTIST'S VOICE. Poor Todd. The radiation has caused him to mutate. He's become half-man, half-monster... like a werewolf.

SHEILA'S VOICE. But, doctor...he...he's my *brother*. And his big stock car race is tomorrow!

(A werewolf cry is heard.)

HERO'S VOICE. Great Scott! It's a full moon!

(Silence. DANNY stretches, puts arm across SANDY's shoulder. DANNY tries to get arm around her. She moves away.)

DANNY. Why don'tcha move over a little closer? (removes arm from across the back of seat)

SANDY. This is all right.

DANNY. Well, can't ya at least smile or somethin'? Look, Sandy, I practically had to bust Kenickie's arm to get his car for tonight. The guys are really P.O.'d at me. I mean, I thought we were gonna forget all about that scene in the park with Sonny and Rizzo and everything. I told ya on the phone I was sorry.

SANDY. I know you did.

DANNY. Well, you believe me, don't ya?

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SANDY. I guess so. It's just that everything was so much easier when there was just the two of us.

DANNY. Yeah, I know...but... *(suddenly)* Hey, you ain't goin' with another guy, are ya?

SANDY. No. Why?

DANNY. *(taking off his high school ring)* Err...oh, ah... nothin'...well, yeah...uh...ahhh, *(has trouble removing ring - runs ring through hair and it comes off)* I was gonna ask ya to take my ring. *(He holds out the ring.)*

SANDY. Oh, Danny... I don't know what to say.

DANNY. Well, don'tcha want it?

SANDY. *(smiles shyly)* Uh-huh.

(DANNY puts ring on SANDY's finger. She kisses him lightly.)

DANNY. I shoulda gave it to ya' a long time ago.

(They kiss.)

I really like you, Sandy.

(They kiss again. DANNY getting more aggressive and passionate as the kiss goes on.)

SANDY. Danny, take it easy! What are you trying to do?
(SANDY squirms away from him.)

DANNY. What'sa matter?

SANDY. Well, I mean... I thought we were just gonna - you know - be steadies.

DANNY. Well, whattaya think goin' steady is, anyway?

(He grabs her again.)

C'mon, Sandy!

SANDY. Stop it! I've never seen you like this.

DANNY. Relax, will ya, nobody's watchin' us!

SANDY. Danny, please, you're hurting me.

(DANNY lets go and SANDY breaks away.)

DANNY. Whattaya gettin' so shook up about? I thought I meant somethin' to ya.

SANDY. You do. But I'm still the same girl I was last summer.
Just because you give me your ring doesn't mean we're
gonna go all the way.

(SANDY opens the car door, gets out.)

DANNY. Hey, Sandy, wait a minute.

(SANDY slams car door on DANNY's hand.)

SANDY. I'm sorry, Danny...

DANNY. *(in pain, falsetto voice)* It's nothing!

SANDY. Maybe we better just forget about it.

*(SANDY gives DANNY his ring back. When he refuses,
she leaves it on car hood. She exits.)*

DANNY. *(yelling)* Hey, Sandy, where you goin'? You can't
just walk out of a drive-in!

(Movie voices are heard again.)

HERO'S VOICE. Look, Sheila! The full moon is sinking
behind "Dead Man's Curve."

(DANNY gets out of car to get ring.)

SHEILA'S VOICE. Yes, Lance...and with it...all our dreams.

*(Werewolf howl. DANNY sings "Alone At The Drive-In
Movie" with werewolf howls coming from movie and the
BURGER PALACE BOYS singing background doo-wops
in DANNY's mind offstage.)*

**[MUSIC NO. 15: ALONE AT THE DRIVE IN
MOVIE]**

DANNY.

I'M ALL ALONE
AT THE DRIVE-IN MOVIE
IT'S A FEELIN' THAT AINT TOO GROOVY
WATCHING WEREWOLVES WITHOUT YOU.

(offstage wolf howl)

GEE, IT'S NO FUN
DRINKIN' BEER IN THE BACK SEAT

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