

# THE KENTUCKY DERBY

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It is one of the blessings in life that few people see visions, and dream; dreams. A chance of a lifetime with the odds so high, the Kentucky Derby. The stakes are high.

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The Kentucky Derby is the fastest horse race in American history. The two minute race has a track which is a mile and a half long. It is located at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. People enter their fastest horse from all states. They come once a year, the first Saturday in Kentucky. They dress formal and the ladies wear elegant hats. They enjoy a steak burger and a Mint Julip cocktail, which allows them to take home a souvenir of all the horses names and numbers on the back of a glass. The final derby runs at 4:00 and is televised. The winner of the horse derby gets a string of roses and the purse or jackpot is two million dollars. They play My Old Kentucky Home by Stephen Foster and during the race the song Run for the Roses by Dan Fogelberg is the theme. People can bet on a horse and it has a very large jackpot. The Kentucky horse tradition goes on for years. It's the states fun and celebration.



THE KENTUCKY DERBY logline: A heartwarming story of a gal who entered her horse in the Kentucky Derby. Her horse wins gracefully, and she saves her family through hardships and from losing their farm in Kentucky.

ACT. I. A Kentucky Home with barn Song: My Old Kentucky Home  
Katie Morgen, a young gal lives on a horse farm in Kentucky, and one day her horse gives birth to a beautiful colt. She names her new colt Sparrow after a little bird whose been keeping her company in the barn. The colt had the same coat as the little bird, and he soon became her pet Sparrow.

Her mom and dad are saving money for her college to become a veterinarian. One day Katie's dad hired a derby jockey trainer to teach Katie to run in the Kentucky Derby. Brian, the horse trainer falls in love with Katie and together they become a couple. They attend horse races at the off bet derby club where they won a lot of money. A tragedy strikes home when Katie's grandfather was injured while he was cutting down an apple tree. He soon recovers and he and Katie's father build her a horse track which is the same distance as the Kentucky Derby's track at Churchill Downs.

## Act II.

Katie enters her horse in the Kentucky Derby. Sparrow soon becomes popular in his small town of Versailles. He wins races often and is in the county fair. Katie loves Sparrow and is excited about being trained to become a jockey.

Brian enjoys Christmas with Katie's family and welcomes a Christian heart. They decorate the tree and make Christmas cookies. The Morgens are enjoying Brian and encourage them to date. Katie soon gets accepted to the University of Lexington to study Veterinarian Science. She continues to train to run Sparrow in the Kentucky Derby. Brian's brother is a cadet in the United States Air Force and invites the couple to a ball. Katie meets the Governor and enjoys dancing with Brian. Falling deeper in love with him she can't believe it is happening to her. Later that week Brian takes her to the off bet horse track races and her horse she bet on won, and she received \$500,000.000 thousand dollars, a half a million dollars. She saves the farm and is able to see herself through college.

They exchange Christmas gifts at the Morgens house and Brian gives Katie a special ring claiming her as his girlfriend. They reminisce about past derbies and grandfather reveals a secret.

Katie's excited about her win and they reminisce and plan for the future by the fire. Katie passes her coursework in college, and enters a Master's degree program in Veterinarian Science.

### Act III.

The night before the Kentucky Derby the Morgens are all packed and ready for the big day when a bobcat threatened Sparrow and the other horses in the barn. Sparrow survives as Mr. Morgen shoots the bobcat. The big day begins when the Morgens load up their horse trailer and drive out of their horse ranch to Churchill Downs. They attend the Derby festival and enjoy 4<sup>th</sup> street in Louisville with all the bars and festivities. The live bands were excellent. The carnival was fun for gramps and mom and dad. The next morning before the derby Brian proposed to Katie giving her a very large diamond ring. It had tiny emeralds outlining a diamond heart! She of course said yes and before she could catch her breath the Kentucky Derby fun was about to begin! Brian went to get a coke and never came back. The Kentucky Governor was about to shoot his pistol. We're off to the Derby, 2018. 131<sup>st</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby. Katie panicked 'cause Brian had disappeared. All she could do is jump on Sparrow and run in the Kentucky Derby! The song "Run for the Roses" by Dan Fogelberg played loudly on the speaker, the derby horse. She had the biggest reward when she won and received the roses around her neck. Brian and her family join her at her side. Sparrow's eyes twinkled and looked spunky as he got his picture taken with Katie, his owner.

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A Kentucky Homestead with mountains surrounding Katie's home and barn where her horse is about to have a baby.

Scene 1. Katie Morgen's home with a big red barn in the back and a song on the radio blaring "MY Old Kentucky Home" Katie's inside her home in bed. Sleeping, awakened by her dad's voice.

CUT TO:

HORSE BARN

MOMENTS LATER

MORNING

DAD

Wake up Katie Shiloh's having  
Her baby COLT !

KATIE

Oh my GOODNESS it's a boy,

MOM

Look at his MARKINGS, white  
with brown spots!

DAD

It's about TIME Shiloh has her  
baby. I've been waiting for this

day for TWO months! Let's get some HAY for Shiloh, and her baby colt.

MOM

Oh my goodness he's so cute! white with BROWN spots, he's so ALERT and little, a summer gift!

KATIE

Oh mom, my OWN baby colt. look, he's standing up!

DAD

His legs are strong! He made it! His EYES are clear too.

MOM

Look he's NURSING from the mother! He's so CUTE.

DAD

If we're BLESSED, he'll soon be running in the Kentucky Derby! Ha-Ha

KATIE

It's all INSTINCT, being competitive. And to fight or flee. I hope he feels LOVED.

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DAD

We'll have PLENTY of time  
to NAME him, Let's go in  
the house and eat breakfast.

MOM

I fried the bacon, and was  
just about to SCRAMBLE the  
eggs. When I heard your dad.

KATIE

I had the alarm set to get up  
And shower, jog and go to the  
MOVIES, when I awoke to dad.

Hugging each other as they walked back to the house.

FADE TO:

INT. RANCH HOUSE KITCHEN      MOMENTS LATER      MORNING

KATIE

I'm the LUCKIEST GIRL in the  
world! My COLT is here and  
God has blessed me with him.  
I LOVE our HORSE FARM.

DAD

YES, God is good to us!



KATIE

The BREAKFAST is delicious, but  
I need to get back to the BARN.

DAD

(drinking his coffee and eating  
His eggs and toast)  
Yeah, We had better go so we  
Can enjoy this good SUMMER  
Day, a new ADDITION to our  
HORSE farm.

MOM

I'm baking a HOMEADE PIZZA  
For lunch, so be back by NOON.

KATIE

PEPPERONI and sausage?

MOM

Your FAVORITE! With root beer!

DAD

I can't wait 'till noon.

EXT. CON'T IN THE BARN

MINUTES LATER

MIDMORNING

KATIE

He's feeding off Ms. SHILOH.

DAD

Hey little GUY you sure are

safe here with us.

KATIE

I love raising horses dad. I HOPE to INHERIT this big horse farm someday, and have a 100 horses running FREE in the fields.

DAD

I hope it goes that way, Hey you're going to keep me around for awhile aren't you? I'm not TO OLD yet.

KATIE

(giggling)

Oh daddy of course I LOVE YOU. I want you around forever. I enjoy raising HORSES with you dad.

DAD

Good, I want you to GROW up and become a horse JOCKEY. You can enter your horse in the KENTUCKY DERBY.

KATIE

You have big DREAMS for me dad. I also want to go to VETERINARIAN school. If I get accepted at University of KENTUCKY.

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DAD

Of course I'll get some grain and fresh water.

KATIE

I don't think SHILOH is going to get up. She is WEAK from birth.

DAD

Let her get up ON her own she is going to get up. She's weak and SORE. She'll come around.

KATIE

I'll gather some hay and FEED, and fetch her a BUCKET of water from the SPICKET. Here you go Shiloh eat well.

FADE TO:

Katie petting her baby colt and beginning to walk back to the house with dad, arm in arm. Chickens running all over the yard.

EXT. RANCH HOUSE

LUNCH

NOON

MOM

How's the BABY COLT ?

DAD

He's HEALTHY and stood up.

KATIE

The PIZZA smells good. Dad said we're going to ENTER him in the Kentucky Derby.

MOM

Oh dear that's a DREAM. That's a long way, and this baby colt has to reach three years old. He needs vitamins to DEVELOP his bones, and you'll need RIDING lessons to become a jockey to ride him in the DERBY.

KATIE

I will. I'll get LESSONS to enter the colt in the DERBY and be my own JOCKEY !

DAD

Besides riding lessons you'll be applying to several colleges. You said you wanted to be a VETERINARIAN.

KATIE

Oh I'd like to BECOME one! I absolutely adore animals.

8.

MOM

But these animals will be SICK,  
and you have to get them well.

KATIE

I know I can do that.

CLOSE TO:

FIELD ON THE FARM

NEXT DAY

MORNING

DAD

I'm building a horse RUN so  
you CAN run the baby colt  
around in THIS CIRCLE. He'll  
need exercise, to have strong  
bones.

KATIE

THANK YOU dad for putting this  
fence up for my COLT. I like the  
circular fence.

DAD

Have you WRITTEN to any of the  
University's to be accepted at their  
College?

KATIE

I wrote the University of Kentucky.

DAD

Good, I've been saving a third of my PAYCHECK to send you. I pray every night you get accepted.

KATIE

Me too. I'll STUDY hard too and open a practice right here in Versailles!

DAD

Let's get that COLT in this FENCE and see if SHILOH will run her.

KATIE

I don't know dad we may be hoping For a MIRACLE. It's just been a week

The horse and colt begin to get up and stood up for an hour they try to trot, and the sunset in the meadow was gorgeous with the horses. They pray 'till sun goes down.

CUT TO:

RANCH HOUSE KITCHEN

WEEKS LATER

AFTERNOON

DAD

Katie you received a LETTER from the University of KENTUCKY. Get down here!

KATIE

(RIPPING THE LETTER OPEN)  
YES I got accepted to the University  
of KENTUCKY ! My dreams are  
coming TRUE.

DAD & MOM

(hugging Katie with excitement)  
Oh honey, Congratulations!

CUT TO:

HORSE BARN

LATER THAT DAY

EVENING

Katie is watering her horses and notices a little sparrow ever since her colt was born still laying on her eggs in her nest. The cute little bird jumps up and down noticing Katie watching her.

KATIE

What am I going to name you  
my little colt? SPARROW that's  
what I'll call you. (giggling)  
She runs and HUGS the baby  
colt, I'll name you Sparrow!  
your coat is white with specks  
like my little BIRD in the nest.

Mr. Morgen enters the barn with excitement from the day.

KATIE

Dad, I named my little colt Sparrow. His coat is like the bird that's been NESTING in the BARN since SHILOH had him that day. I remember.

DAD

That's the CUTEST name! I like it, ok Sparrow it is. Now guess what, I've SIGNED you up to take lessons from a former derby jockey. His name is Brian, he won the last TWO YEARS at the Kentucky Derby. he'll be coming here to train you to Sparrow in the derby. I bought a TRAILOR to transport Sparrow back and forth to CHURCHILL DOWNS when you practice with Brian.

KATIE

REALLY? A Real Kentucky horse trainer, the former JOCKEY that won two derbies?

DAD

That's right, I hope you enjoy him, he's about your age.



KATIE

Oh dad, you're the best! I can't  
Thank you ENOUGH !

DAD

Maybe if you ride Sparrow every  
day, he'll catch on AND if you race  
him with BRIAN'S horse, he'll learn  
to pick up SPEED and GLIDE through  
the track.

KATIE

I feel BLESSED with Sparrow dad.

DAD

Well good because the EVENT is  
On May the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, coming up.  
We have fall, winter, SPRING and  
Summer to train him.

KATIE

He'll almost be TWO, a gelding dad.

DAD

After the get too old, they don't win  
as much.

KATIE

I'm so excited! The Kentucky DERBY.  
And my very OWN trainer.

CLOSE TO:

FOLLOWING MONTH ON FARM

AFTERNOON

DAD

Grandpa is coming over to help me CUT the ole apple tree down and we plan to make you a TRACK to practice running your horse. It'll be the same mile and a half like the DERBY.

KATIE

There's gramps now in his truck,  
Let's go GREET him and hug him.

FADE TO:

FIELD ON FARM APPLE TREE

MOMENTS LATER

AFTERNOON

DAD

I brought this CHAIN saw to  
Cut this ole apple tree down.

GRAMPS  
I brought one TOO.

Thirty minutes later the two men begin to push the tree to one side. Timber dad calls out!

DAD  
TIMBER !

All of a sudden a tragedy occurs when the tree falls on top of Gramps, cause he couldn't move over. He's pinned under the tree.

KATIE  
(screams gramps is hurt)  
Dad what should we DO?

DAD  
(immediately uses the power saw to cut the tree limbs off his father) take the ROPE and let's tie it to the Sparrow and you RIDE him and drag him from under the tree.

KATIE  
(moving fast with the rope she ties it to the HORSE and gramps feet, she mounts Sparrow and pulls grandpa out from under the tree.

DAD  
It WORKED Gramps is alive!

GRAMPS

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I couldn't move AWAY fast enough.

KATIE

I'll call an ambulance! I have my  
CELL PHONE with me.

DAD

Hurry, I think we CAN save his  
LIFE.

The ambulance came immediately and the EMTs put grampa on a  
stretcher, and take him to the hospital.

CUT TO:

HOSPITAL

MOMENTS LATER

EVENING

DAD

Well you didn't break your  
back, just a few RIBS is all.  
Good News: you're going to  
walk again. REST UP.

GRAMPS

Nothing can kill me, I just  
Broke a FEW ribs.

I bet I gave you a good scare!

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KATIE

I was so SCARED grampa !  
Grampa we need you.

CUT TO:

FARM

WEEKS LATER

MORNING

Early morning sunrise, Katie watching as the men grate the field into a Big circle to ride the gelding.

KATIE

Sparrow will love it dad.

DAD

Ride sparrow as fast as you can it's a MILE and a half. He needs to build stamina getting him faster each TIME.

GRAMPS

Katie don't FALL put your feet in the STIRRUPS.

KATIE

Ok, this DERBY TRACK is excellent. It's dirt track

will be perfect for Sparrow to get used to the ride. I meet my derby TRAINER tomorrow I'm going to have a positive outlook on the WHOLE thing. I wonder how much he would CHARGE to ride Sparrow in the Kentucky DERBY?

DAD

We could ask him and SEE.

KATIE

Oh I KNOW I'm dreaming.

CUT TO:

RACE TRACK ON FARM    NEXT DAY    MORNING

KATIE

Hey he's here, Brian the JOCKEY, his truck pulled up, Let's WELCOME him.

DAD

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OK let's welcome him!

Katie runs to his truck and gives him a warm handshake. Introductions and hugs were exchanged.

DAD

Welcome BRIAN, I am Katie's  
Dad, John Morgen.

BRIAN

Hi, I finally FOUND the farm.

KATIE

We're way out in the COUNTRY

BRIAN

So you want to become a HORSE  
Jockey, huh?

KATIE

I'm so EXCITED! I have a young colt  
Named SPARROW and he is fast.

BRIAN

Yeah, Kentucky is known FOR fast  
women and WILD horses!

KATIE

HA-ha-ha I guess that's right!

DAD

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Show Brian what YOU have in Sparrow as far as SPEED Katie.

KATIE

Yeha, Sparrow LETS get on around the RACETRACK.

BRIAN

WOW, a minute and a half for a MILE and a half. That's great.

KATIE

SPARROW, flies like a bird.

DAD

What do you THINK Brian?

BRIAN

I think I'm going to get my horse out of the TRAILER and race you.

KATIE

1,2,3 Go (the two horses race)  
I won in a MINUTE and a half.  
I believe my HORSE caught on!

DAD

Is this one of the horses you raced in THE DERBY?



BRIAN

No, they are SOME friends that won.

BRIAN

Your Horse has SPEED and I think you'll BE ok to RUN in the KENTUCKY DERBY !

KATIE

He's a baby yearling, and I Believe he IS COMPETITIVE.

BRIAN

That MAKES him run FASTER.

KATIE

HE only WEIGHTS 123 lbs.

BRIAN

Don't let him OVER INDULGE

KATIE

I had him JUMPING over hurdles Last week.

BRIAN

Be careful, ok! Let's KEEP him on TRACK.

KATIE

You want to RIDE him?

BRIAN

Yeah let's SWITCH.

KATIE

Uses a SWITCH to hit Sparrows bottom, the Horse took off running as FAST as he could around the TRACK.

BRIAN

YEHAH! I think he likes me. Hey it's mud just like the derby at CHURCHILL DOWNS.

KATIE

DAD built me this track, it's good PRACTICE.

BRIAN

Make sure you PRACTICE in the rain too. Oh the KENTUCKY rain It always rains at the derby, and the HORSES have to run in the mud.

KATIE

Sparrow will MAKE it in the Kentucky RAIN!

BRIAN

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It's the DEAD of WINTER and we're out here practicing with SPARROW.

BRIAN

Yeah Katie LEAN down on the HORSE when you run it makes YOU go FASTER.

KATIE

I believe Sparrow knows THIS is a SERIOUS race. He looks proud.

Katie's dad drives up with a large sled pulling a Christmas tree. He carries it in the house.

DAD

Looks like it might SNOW for CHRISTMAS. This pine tree SMELLS so good. It'll touch the CEILING in the HOUSE.

KATIE

Well, I just had my first lesson and I'm IMPRESSED with it.

The two continue to run the horses around the track racing them and training Sparrow and Katie.

MOM  
Come and EAT Dinner is  
Ready.

INT. TO KITCHEN      MOMENTS LATER      EVENING

KATIE  
THIS is my MOTHER she  
Is the best cook in the world!

BRIAN  
Good, cause I'm STARVING.  
I really WORKED up an APPETITE.

DAD  
Brian seems to think Sparrow  
has a lot of POTENTIAL.

BRIAN  
He's FAST and he's attractive.  
Sparrow is a young colt he's  
the right age to enter in the  
Kentucky DERBY.

DAD  
I hope Katie CATCHES on  
quick.

BRIAN

She's as light as a FEATHER  
and that's a plus for WINNING.

KATIE

I've been jogging and exercising.

BRIAN

Good, you NEED to remain the  
same size, and weight for the  
fastest SPEED. The horse gets  
tired.

DAD

I've been FEEDING Sparrow the  
same amount for two years now.  
she weighs 123 lbs. I GUESS she'll  
do for size and SPEED.

MOM

How many lessons will KATIE need?

BRIAN

Until she can handle the track with  
Sparrow, and WIN in two minutes flat.

KATIE

How much will you CHARGE to ride  
Sparrow in the Kentucky Derby?

BRIAN

REALLY, you want me to ride your horse in the derby?

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KATIE

Yes, I like you and FEEL comfortable With you. I enjoyed the DAY.

BRIAN

Oh, I'd feel PRIVILEGED to ride Sparrow in the Kentucky Derby!

KATIE

You would? You won't TAKE half our farm?

BRIAN

If I win I will charge 2% of the purse. If I lose I WON'T charge you anything.

KATIE

Ok, you have a deal.

DAD

How did you WIN the last two Derbies in Kentucky and FLORIDA?

KATIE

Oh my goodness mom he accepted! Give him seconds. He's HUNGRY.

BRIAN

No seconds I NEED to keep my  
Weight down.

MOM

We have APPLE PIE.

DAD

I wouldn't MISS it for the world!

BRIAN

Ok, I'll take a SLIVER. I can ex-  
ercise TOMARROW.

DAD

I need to exercise too, I will  
Get the old stationary bike out.

KATIE

You can ALWAYS try walking it  
helps you to REDUCE. Start walk-  
ing then break into a trot. then  
exercise for an hour every NIGHT .

MOM

Speaking of walking I SAW some  
COYOTES the other morning.

DAD

Why didn't you TELL me? They

could of got Sparrow and the other horses. I'll have to get the shotgun, and SHOOT them!

KATIE

Let's get up early and see if THEY come back. And then we can shoot them.

BRIAN

Oh, you'd better BE careful!

KATIE

They eat our chicken and all of our EGGS and we enjoy selling our produce.

MOM

I didn't have any eggs to sell for the CUSTOMERS today.

DAD

Their destroying OUR farm, chasing the BABY calves and goats. The cattle ranch is how we make our LIVING, and the horse ranch brings a PRETTY penny when we sell them.

BRIAN

You MUST get up at daybreak and shoot those COYOTES. Keep



Sparrow up in his PEN. Close the barn at night.

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DAD

Yeah that's what I must do.

MOM

Let's move into the LIVING

room, I have a SURPRISE for you guys.

CUT TO:

LIVINGROOM

MOMENTS LATER

EVENING

KATIE

Oh dad, the CHRISTMAS tree  
Smells like pine ! I love it.  
It's very big and LOOKS full.

MOM

Help me with the lights and the  
GARLAND and we'll put the  
Ornaments on QUICKLY.

BRIAN

I'll put the TINSEL on the tree.

DAD

Let's all PITCH in!

The Morgens tree is soon complete and they turn on the lights. It was gorgeous. Brian climbs a ladder and places the star on the top.

BRIAN

I'll help with the tinsel.

KATIE

Prettiest tree we EVER had.  
I like the STAR. Let's all hold  
hands and say a PRAYER  
around the Christmas TREE.

DAD

(Leads with a prayer)  
I thank you God for this  
good life we're LIVING  
on the Ranch you PROVIDED  
for us. I THANK you for Brian  
he's a good match for Katie.

BRIAN

This is the WARMEST Christmas  
I ever had. Such a Christian  
FAMILY. I have FAITH that I  
will WIN this years DERBY.

DAD

I'll NEED you to come often  
I'll pay you well and we will  
have a GOOD DINNER each  
time.

BRIAN

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I can't pass a DEAL like that  
up! But now I must thank  
you for the day and BEAUTIFUL  
dinner. The tree is so pretty.

Katie walks him to the door and they go outside and look at the  
sky full of stars.

CUT TO:

FARMHOUSE

NEXT DAY

AFTERNOON

DAD

Katie, you received a letter  
From Louisville, KENTUCKY.

KATIE

(runs downstairs and rips open  
the letter) Good news dad! Brian  
entered my HORSE for the 131<sup>st</sup>  
running of the Kentucky Derby  
It's OFFICIAL we're in. We're a  
TEAM !

DAD

We couldn't do it without Brian  
if you keep up the good LUCK  
at UK you'll GRADUATE with a  
veterinarians degree in a few years.

that's a big CAREER for a young  
lady LIKE you!

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KATIE

I know, I just have to continue

to prove that WOMEN are  
succeeding in a man's world  
with BIG careers.

DAD

Your uncle Bob's daughter  
became an AIR FORCE PILOT  
and is a success in the middle  
east WAR.

KATIE

I just have to SUCCEED after  
all these HARSHIPS I've put  
you THROUGH. I just want a  
LITTLE office barn to put some  
animals in and PROVIDE me an  
Income.

DAD

Oh I guess we can RENT the old  
vets place. I heard he's RETIRING  
in three years. You just have to  
keep studying if you want it bad  
enough. Any career that MAKES  
a lot of MONEY is going to be dif-  
ficult.

KATIE

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I'll pass dad I PROMISE dad. I  
won't let you down.

DAD

I know honey, I'm selling  
cattle so FAST to pay your  
tuition.

KATIE

I know, I'm SINKING the  
FAMILIES bank account!

All of a sudden a hard Kentucky rain pours on the tobacco crop. Dad  
runs outside and notices a dead calve the coyotes dragged to the crop.

DAD

The COYOTES are back!  
PRAY I shoot them, let  
Me get my SHOTGUN.

MOM

Be-careful DEAR !

KATIE

I can't stand it, I WISH we  
would of gotten up at 5AM  
this morning and KILLED the  
coyotes.

MOM

Instead of BREAKFAST I  
Should of SUGGESTED it.

KATIE

I'll PLUG my ears !

Two shots rang through the farmhouse, rocking the dishware.

MOM

I heard the coyotes  
WIMPER yours dad's  
a good SHOT.

DAD

(comes back in house)  
I SHOT two COYOTES.  
The rain has ruined the  
tobacco crop, hail tore  
the leaves.

KATIE

With our good FAITH, we'll  
survive. AT CHURCH this week-  
end we learned to ask God for  
our wants and needs. I pray  
the sun RESTORES our plants.

DAD

I'll get a BANK LOAN.

RACETRACK

NEXT DAY

AFTERNOON

Brian brings his horse in a horse trailer and Katie runs Sparrow competitively on the muddy race track.

BRIAN

You're the PRETTIEST gal with your long dark hair and dark eyes. You look GOOD in your red COWBOY hats and boots. you look like a REAL cowgirl.

KATIE

Compliments will MAKE me win!

BRIAN

My brother is a CADET in the Air Force and he invited us to a ball. It'll be a big dance with a dinner. then an AWARDS banquet after dinner.

KATIE

I'd love to go to the BALL,  
What will we WEAR?

BRIAN

I'll rent a TUX, and you'll buy an EVENING gown.

KATIE

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Oh a real ball with the United States Air Force! I can't wait. mother and I will pick out a GOWN

BRIAN

You're lucky, this is a huge ball, the Governor of Kentucky will be there. It'll give you a CHANCE to meet him before the Derby when he fires the first SHOT of the race with a GUN.

KATIE

Oh my how PRESTIGIOUS what will I say?

BRIAN

A warm HANDSHAKE will be enough. unless you want to tell him to FIERCLY Kentucky with you.

KATIE

That will be quite a HERITAGE!

BRIAN

IT could only help you to meet him. your family is a LANDOWNER of a very large ESTATE, with both a horse and a CATTLE farm, and a candidate in the derby, and not to mention a student at U.K. A VERY pretty student!



KATIE

(modestly replies)  
GEE thanks. I needed that.

BRIAN

It's my pleasure to ESCORT you  
to the BALL.

KATIE

(trotting off on Sparrow)  
Catch me if you can!

BRIAN

(his horse gallops to catch up with  
her and Sparrow)  
Hey, there's still a lot of LESSONS  
to becoming a HORSE JOCKEY.

KATIE

I'll need every one of them. I'm  
SERIOUS about this Kentucky  
Derby.

BRIAN

What do you want for Christmas?

KATIE

An EVENING GOWN.

BRIAN

You got it. We'll go to a  
Woman's BOUTIQUE to-  
morrow at 2:00 PM ok

KATIE

You mean it, my own evening  
GOWN, and a chance to meet  
the Governor and his wife?  
At the KENTUCKY DERBY!

BRIAN

Yeah, let's get you a long silky  
gown to show YOUR good fig-  
ure, RED, pink, blue?

KATIE

Red, a SCARLETT O'Hara gown  
something BREATHTAKING and  
southern, low CUT and sexy.

BRIAN

Let's race!

KATIE

(you go) I won!

MOM

(yelling from the kitchen door)  
Dinnertime!

FADE TO:

SHOPPING MALL

LADYS BOUTIQUE

AFTERNOON

Brian and Katie are at a boutique shopping for an evening dress.

BRIAN

Try this one on. It looks  
Like you, a scarlet RED  
dress.

Katie

It's my color. Red COMPLIMENTS  
my dark hair and olive skin tone.  
I like the way it fits.

Brian

You look STUNNING with your  
dark features, red really LOOKS  
good on you. I'll simply GIVE  
a damn Ms. Scarlett.

KATIE

Oh me should I? It's \$350.

BRIAN

I can AFFORD it.

KATIE

Oh my God I love it!

Farm House

Race Track

Morning

BRIAN

We've got to practice 'till  
Sparrow wins in a TWO  
minute run or less.

KATIE

He's about got it EACH time.

BRIAN

I want to WIN the triple crown.  
your horse in FULL speed like  
we're SAILING. The fresh air  
will hit your FACE, now go !

KATIE

What will we do if we WIN  
all that money?

BRIAN

Probably CELEBRATE !

KATIE

It'll sure help pay my tuition  
at the University of Kentucky

BRIAN

Are you still a STUDENT?

KATIE

Yeah, I hope to become the  
Next COUNTY veterinarian.  
I want to be the only vet  
within TEN counties.

BRIAN

WOW, a veterinarian!  
You'll be RICH.

KATIE

Dad talks about fixing  
the barn into an OFFICE  
and putting FENCES and  
cages in to keep animals.

BRIAN

Yeah, that'll be good your  
office across from your  
HOME, That'll be great.

KATIE

All's I need is a Kentucky  
Veterinarian LICENSE and  
dad and mom will be my  
RECEPTIONISTS. Dad will  
make a great vet assistant.

BRIAN

That'll come in time. If you  
keep studying.

KATIE

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Oh I will, If you want something bad enough YOU'LL get it. And if you don't tell anyone and PRAY. Pray very hard to get it.

BRIAN

Do you ever want a FAMILY of your own someday, husband kids, big HOUSE ?

KATIE

Yeah someday.

BRIAN

Yeah ME too someday.

KATIE

I study all the TIME.  
The dance will be the first date I've ever been on .I CAN'T wait. I showed mom and dad my red GOWN. They TOOK some pictures They're excited for me.

BRIAN

I can't wait, I guess I'll get a white tux with a red shirt and TIE to compliment your DRESS.

KATIE

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That'll work, I can PICTURE us.

BRIAN

(on his horse reaches over  
to kiss Katie)

Uhmhhh.

KATIE

It's a date !

BRIAN

You're great, and pretty  
TOO.

They begin to trot their horses around the race track. Katie's dad  
grated for her. Katie notices gramps driving up to the field.

KATIE

HOWDY gramps what's up?

Gramps

Oh just came over to round up  
some CATTLE to take to the market.

KATIE

Dad's inside. Guess what gramps?  
Brian is a Kentucky HORSE jockey  
he's going to train me to run in the  
derby someday. His name's Brian  
Kessler. Brian this is my grandfather,  
Less Morgen.

Men exchange greetings and handshakes.

GRAMPS

Yes so pleased to MAKE your  
acquaintance. I'm so excited!

KATIE

He's taking me on my first DATE.  
we're going to the USAF BALL.

GRAMPS

A ball ! I bet that WILL be exciting!

BRIAN

ME too, we're a good match for.  
we have a lot in COMMON, two years  
apart. We both love horses!

GRAMPS

It's a go. I WISH you the best time  
and dance all night, boy your granny  
sure could dance!

BRIAN

Ok if you need someone to HELP  
you round up the cattle for the  
MARKET just yell for help.



GRAMPS

44

You LOOK like a Real cowboy!  
with that cowboy HAT and  
those COWBOY boots

KATIE

We better PRACTICE for  
the Kentucky Derby it's only  
FIVE months away!

BRIAN

We have to enjoy Christmas  
FIRST.

KATIE

It's SUPPOSED to snow.

CUT TO:

FIELD WITH CATTLE

MOMENTS LATER

MIDAFTERNOON

GRAMPS

Well there's forty COWS  
ready for the market.

DAD

That's Katie's TUTION for  
SPRING, Maybe after Christmas

I'll have SOME calves.

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BRIAN

Oh yeah, LIFE goes on.

DAD

I liked the evening GOWN  
you SELECTED for Katie.  
thanks for asking her TO  
the BALL. When is the date?

BRIAN

December 22, Sat. at 6:00  
at the AIR FORCE BASE.

DAD

I used to FLY for Vietnam.

BRIAN

Oh I'm TOUCHED, that's quite  
an accomplishment ! That EX-  
PLAINES it big ranch house, big  
farm, good wife, EXCEPTIONAL  
daughter.

DAD

Why thank you.

GRAMPS

I fought the KOREAN war.

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BRIAN

Oh, a MILITARY family.

GRAMPS

Yeah how about that, a horse  
JOCKEY for my Katie, and her  
first DATE.

KATIE

We need to put these horses  
in the BARN, and practice a  
waltz. So we'll look GOOD at  
the BALL.

GRAMPS

Your mom went out to BUY  
some film to take our picture.

BRIAN

(walking their horses back to  
the barn) Maybe your mom  
has some WALTZES we can  
dance to and get some practice.

KATIE

Let's not turn it so LOUD so we  
Can practice dancing.

BRIAN

Gramps and your dad left with a

truck load of cattle.

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KATIE

What other kind of MUSIC will they have at the officers club?

BRIAN

I bet POP ROCK to fast dances too.

KATIE

I'll turn on the STEREO. the MONSTER MASH is playing, and it made them dance fast.

BRIAN

I'll give us an A plus for best dance. What's the Halloween SONG playing for It's Christmas!

KATIE

Oh here comes MOM now with a camera and film.

BRIAN

This is FUN as he takes Katie's hand in the Monster MASH.

KATIE

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This is the MOST fun I've  
ever had with you.

BRIAN

I'm excited I like the way we  
FEEL dancing together.

KATIE

I think after TONIGHT we'll be  
ready.

BRIAN

I'm tired I need to REST.

Soon watching t.v. on the couch, Brian lying down in Katie's lap.

NIGHT FADES

NEXT DAY

KATIES HOUSE

NIGHT TIME

KATIE

I'm back from school. I'm  
STARVED.

BRIAN

(talking with Katie on phone)  
I'm going to FIX you dinner  
Friday, then we have the ball  
on SATURDAY. Look charming  
see you soon.

CUT TO:

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BALL ROOM

EVENING

BRIAN

You look ELEGANT, and your hair looks GOOD. The dress is very BEAUTIFUL on you. Like Scarlett O'Hara your dark hair!

KATIE

I feel like a MILLION bucks!

BRIAN

Places a GIFT in her hand, and Kisses her on the CHEEK.

KATIE

(ripping it open)

A diamond necklace ! oh it's SPARKLING. It's so pretty .

BRIAN

(fastens the necklace behind her)  
You'll love wearing and remember this night always.

KATIE

Oh honey, I LOVE YOU !

BRIAN

Your eyes are sparkling!

The Ball room is decorated with Christmas ornaments and trees,  
And the couples are all seated at a few tables.

Katie

(seated at a table with some couples)

Are you ENJOYING the ball?

BLONDE GAL

Yes, but my feet hurt from dancing.

KATIE

Is your husband in the Air Force?

Yes, he's a Captain, Is your husband in  
AIR FORCE?

KATIE

I'm a student at UK TRYING to become  
A VETERINARIAN.

BLONDE GAL

Oh, that's GOOD, a vet huh?

KATIE

And my date, BRIAN is a horse jockey  
Running for the ROSES in the Kentucky

BLONDE GAL

(laughs loudly at Katie)

The KENTUCKY DERBY? Do you know what the odds are for WINNING the Kentucky Derby? More less becoming a Veterinarian? They only let five In the state.

KATIE

(giggling)

Oh, hold your BREATH, and meet my date, Brian Kessler. He already won the last two RUNNINGS at The Kentucky Derby!

BLONDE GAL

I thought he looked FAMILIAR !  
Excuse me!

KATIE

As far as a career, I'm PASSING my COURSEWORK to become one!

BLONDE GAL

Oh I'm just a little ole HOUSE-WIFE of a CAPTAIN in the Air Force.



KATIE

I think that's good enough!

BRIAN

The Governor is walking right  
to us, so be SWEET.

KATIE

(shakes hands with governor)  
Hi, are YOU enjoying the evening?

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

Yes, I am, CONGRATULATIONS on  
Your two Derby winnings. HOW did  
You do that? Two in a ROW.

BRIAN

Lots of practice and knowing the  
HORSE. I plan to ride Katie's COLT  
in this year's derby RACE.

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

Oh how WONDERFUL, rich dad too  
you had better latch on to her.  
better MARRY her before I do!  
it's good to see some women  
take BIG careers.

KATIE

Oh thank you, I HOPE Brian takes  
a HINT.

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

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Well I had better go MINGLE with  
the OFFICERS. Take care. Brian,  
don't forget what I tell you.

BRIAN

You two ladies about FELL off  
the HORSE what happened?  
THE two of you can't stop laughing.

KATIE

Oh nothing hon, Just my new friend  
NEVER met a real horse jockey.

BRIAN

well now that she's MET one let's,  
see who they are.

CAPTAIN

Just a CAPTAIN in the Air Force.

BRIAN

I'm PROUD of you!

CAPTAIN

I'm a RECONNASICENCE Pilot.

BRIAN

I'm very impressed. The TWO men  
Continued to talk. KATIE and the  
Blonde gal WALK over to where the  
BAND is playing and request a song.

Everyone gets up to dance with their partner.

FADE TO:

DRIVE HOME

FULL MOON

NIGHT TIME

KATIE

That was a very ENJOYABLE evening. I feel like I'm going to TURN into a PUMPKIN and I'll soon be back to my rags ha- ha

BRIAN

Pinch me if it's REAL. I feel like a PRINCE tonight. You danced WONDERFUL on the ballroom floor.

KATIE

Oh I LOVED it, my first date that I'll TREASURE always.

They park and walk out by the dirt track the horses are in the barn. The moon is full and the sky full of stars. Katie holds his hand and she turns her head to be kissed so cutely. The two kiss and the night fades.

FADE TO:

PHONE RINGING

KATIES DEN

MORNING

KATIE

Hey Romeo, I want to thank you  
For a beautiful EVENING. You looked

Like my PRINCE in shining armor.

BRIAN

I was wondering if I COULD get me  
another DATE. There's an off bet  
track race CASINO club I'd like to  
take you TOO.

KATIE

WHEN? I mean I'll get ready! Yes.

BRIAN

Good, I'll PICK you up at 2pm, we'll  
go to the off BET track casino club.  
it's inside, wear COMFORTABLE clothes.  
dress casual.

KATIE

Ok, I'll wear some NICE slacks and a  
silk TOP What color of shirt will you  
wear. So we can MATCH.

BRIAN

Blue, a ROYAL blue shirt.

KATIE

Ok, I can find a BLUE blouse, I'll  
Get ready!

CUT TO:

OFF BET KENTUCKY DERBY CASINO CLUB

EVENING

The club had several tables and people everywhere. There were several T.V. monitors with the horse races. A program with the horses numbers and names so the people could bet on a horse. The atmosphere was dark and in red tones.

BRIAN

Let's bet on a HORSE. The purse is \$500.000.000 thousand DOLLARS. THAT'S half a MILLION dollars!

KATIE

Oh teach me how to BET.

BRIAN

See THAT T.V. monitor right there. PICK a horse OUT and see what the ODDS are at winning . Write DOWN the horses name AND number and place your bet in the SLOT.

KATIE

OK I'll bet on number FIVE. He looks fast like my Sparrow.

BRIAN

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Ok, I hope I can BEAT him in this years derby. It's the MOST exciting TWO MINUTES in sports

The "run for the ROSES" The song will play by DAN FOLGELBURG. The WINNER will receive A blanket of ROSES. And a gold trophy.

KATIE

I love that SONG. I want to win so bad. Look my horse I bet ON is AHEAD.

BRIAN

(orders some cocktails)  
try this mint Julip, it's the drink they serve AT the Derby.

KATIE

It really TASTES like MINT the liquor in this drink it's STRONG.

BRIAN

Isn't this FUN, watching a derby and Being able to BET on a horse.

KATIE

Yes, this is right UP my alley!

BRIAN

I thought you would like IT.

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KATIE

Look my horse is AHEAD! Go

Number FIVE, GO COBALT !

Run, run, RUN! Mines winning!

BRIAN

GO EXCALIBRE # 8 win come on!

KATIE

MY horse is ahead! Go Cobalt!

BRIAN

I'm TAILGATING yours!

KATIE

My HORSE just won!

BRIAN

Listen, THEIR calling your name!

Your horse YOU bet on won and

Now you have to go to the CASHIERS.

KATIE

Oh my God, a half a MILLION

Dollars! Where do I collect the

MONEY?

BRIAN

Let's hurry BRING your purse

And get to the cashiers.

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KATIE

Will it be CASH?

BRIAN

Yes, cash ! I can't BELIEVE it!

EXT. CASHIERS      OFF BET HORSE CLUB      MOMENTS LATER      DAY

CASHIER

Are you Katie MORGEN?

KATIE

YES, I'm Katie ! I WON!

CASHIER

COUNTING five hundred thousand  
dollars in Katie's hand.

KATIE

I am so RICH! I can't BELIEVE it!

BRIAN

WOW, you're a lucky LADY!  
what WILL you do with that  
kind of MONEY?

KATIE

Pay my Tuition! help my DAD  
get out of debt! Pay off the bank



NOTE on our cattle. We've been  
through some HARSHIPS!

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BRIAN

I'm sure with that KIND of money  
you can do all that and have CASH

to SPARE. I hope I helped  
through some of the HARD-  
SHIPS.

KATIE

I know, let's get out of HERE!  
We need to head TOWARDS the  
bank, LOOK at my purse! Make  
sure no-one FOLLOWS us out of  
here.

BRIAN

This is a lot of CASH let's count  
it again, before we leave the cashier.

KATIE

It's \$500.000.000 hundred THOUSAND  
dollars (as she shoves the money  
back in her purse.)

The Kentucky State Police follow them out the door and behind their  
car with their blue lights. Katie winks at the officer.

BRIAN

I feel PRIVELEGED!

KENTUCKY STATE POLICEMAN

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Just part of my JOB!  
I'll ESCORT you to the  
Bank.

KATIE

I'm RICH, Daddy will be so  
PROUD of me!

BRIAN

I can't wait to see his FACE.

At the bank minutes later Katie deposits the money and talks to the cashier. The Kentucky Police leaves.

KATIE

ALL my money is my checking  
account.

BANK Cashier

Katie , it's only a fraction of what  
you will MAKE as a veterinarian.  
when weren't you RICH Ms. Morgen?

KATIE

I have GOOSE bumps a Kentucky  
state trooper escorting US to the  
bank.

BRIAN

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Yeah how about that, LET'S head  
to your HOUSE and tell your parents.

KATIE

(tears run down her face)

This is the LUCKIEST day in my life!

CUT TO:

RANCH HOUSE

MOMENTS LATER

EVENING

KATIE

DAD! Guess what? Brian took me  
to the OFF bet horse racing club,  
and the horse I bet ON won the  
JACKPOT. I won a half a MILLION  
dollars.

DAD

What is this April FOOLS day?

MOM

Is this a joke? I read about the  
horse CASINO we were getting  
in the paper. It JUST recently  
opened.

KATIE

Yes, that one, I made a BET on a  
horse named COBALT and won.  
I won a half a million DOLLARS

look at my BANK receipt.

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MOM

That's a lot of MONEY you deposited  
Into your account! I wish I had it  
In my ACCOUNT. Don't spend it

DAD

This Brian has brought YOU good  
LUCK!

KATIE

Yes, for a HORSE TRAINER to have won  
Two Kentucky Derby's I was LUCKY to  
Get him. Oh DAD what if you would of  
Never called him THINK of all the hard-  
Ships we would of SUFFERED.

DAD

Yes, and I bought a HUNDRED head  
of black ANGUS cattle the other day and  
I put our FARM up as a lien at the bank.

KATIE

WHAT? The farm is now a lien, you  
bought some CATTLE just to put me  
through COLLEGE! Oh daddy now I  
clear the LIEN!

DAD

Yes, take care of me if I HAVE a heart  
attack and can't work, we'll lose our

farm!

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KATIE

ALL cause of my TUITION!

DAD

My Air Force RETIREMENT check doesn't  
Cover everything!

KATIE

Daddy, listen I'm getting you OUT of  
DEBT.

BRIAN

Our LUCKY day! All that MONEY has  
cleared your daddy's bills and got you  
out of debt.

KATIE

You're just MAGIC!

BRIAN

I just love you and your FAMILY  
I thank you people for having ME  
in YOUR life. This is the BEST CHRIST-  
mas I ever HAD. Let's hang these  
candy CANES on the tree.

MOM

We love HAVING you and I can't  
believe all the LUCK my daughter

got from you!

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BRIAN

Yeah! My good GIRLFRIEND I'm lucky to have you too!

KATIE

Let's PRAY. I want to thank the LORD for Brian coming into my LIFE. And for this LUCKY day. The money will shelter us and SAVE our HERITAGE!

EXT. MORGENS HOME DEN CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT

BRIAN

(handing a gift to Katie's mom)  
I hope you enjoy this. It's from both of us.

MOM

(tears open gift wrap)  
A HOUSECOAT! It's gorgeous,  
How DID you know I needed  
a new BATH coat.

DAD

Here's a gift from us to Brian and one FOR KATIE.

KATIE

A sled! I love it we'll go sledding

this evening, taking TURNS.

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BRIAN

(opens gift)

Looks like you're PUTTING me to  
Work. With this buffalo vest and

gloves. I'll make a GREAT cowboy  
and cattle RANCHER.

KATIE

Open this one Brian, It's a gift  
for you.

BRAIN

Hey what a great PICTURE of you  
and I in FRONT of the Christmas tree  
and HEARTH in the background. I like  
it!

MOM

A gift for Katie open it with LOVE  
dear.

KATIE

Oh mother you shouldn't of, A  
book all about VETERIANRIANS  
and every Pet including farm  
animals! I'll NEED this!!

DAD

Katie this is for you, I love to  
Hear you SING.

KATIE

A red GUITAR ! Oh so very pretty!  
I can strum and sing along!

MOM

We'll get you some guitar LESSONS  
and you'll become MUSICALLY in-  
clined. Let's sing and play the PIANO  
and I'll STRUM along.

BRIAN

The family sings CHRISTMAS carols  
and Brian HANDS Mr. Morgen a gift.  
I hope you ENJOY it.

DAD

A book about BLACK angus cattle  
and how to raise them on my FARM!

KATIE

THIS gift is so little, A diamond ring!  
does this MEAN we're engaged?

BRIAN

No, it's just a going steady RING.  
I know diamond is your BIRTHSTONE.  
We've been together for TWO seasons.

KATIE

Yes, I'll be your GIRL! I have enjoyed  
the last TWO months more than my



whole LIFE! Here's some gifts for dad  
and GRAMPS too.

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The men open their gifts and Katie strums her guitar to  
Jingle bells. The Morgens are very happy. They continue  
To exchange gifts. When there was a knock at the door.

DAD

It's Uncle BEN! Get in here and  
Warm up by the FIREPLACE.

UNCLE BEN

HO-HO-HO I'm out playing Santa  
Clause in the SNOW and thought  
I'd bring over your GIFTS. I can't  
Stay long, we're supposed TO  
Get 4 INCHES of snow tonight.

MOM

(serving uncle Ben a plate of turkey)  
I hope all your family is DOING well.

BEN

My girl just made CAPTAIN in the United  
States Air Force. She's a pilot and got  
PROMOTED.

KATIE

So women do BELONG in a man's  
career. Let's pray for her, that she

is SAFE in the Middle East war.

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BEN

Thank you. This FOOD is so delicious.

NIGHT CLOSES: CUT TO:

RIDING STABLES

TWO MONTHS LATER

AFTERNOON

KATIE

Come on Sparrow, let's RIDE faster! You have to work up stamina.

BRIAN

Hey Katie we may need to ride to TOWN and pick up some feed for the horses. FIFTY horses and their starving. I need to FILL the SILO up.

KATIE

We can RIDE into town after we Race, mom is frying up SOME chicken and MASHED potatoes and gravy.

BRIAN

I'm gaining weight eating here!

KATIE

I've been getting UP early in the

morning and WALKING for an  
hour.

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BRIAN

Be careful, your gramps saw some  
BOBCATS

KATIE

EEEEKS that's all I NEED. I'm so  
Scared of the BOBCATS and the  
COYOTES.

BRIAN

(riding his horse Magic around the track)  
Hey wait up Let's DO something tonight.

KATIE

Like what?

BRIAN

Go to a show, or out for COCKTAILS.

KATIE

THEIR playing LASSIE at the movies!

BRIAN

I know you love Lassie cause I SAW  
in your BEDROOM. You have some  
pictures and STATUES of collies.

KATIE

Brian you're NOT supposed to be in  
My bedroom! That's a girls PRIVACY.

BRIAN

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SO I snuck in there it MADE me love you  
more seeing your ROOM!

KATIE

Ok, Let's go to the MOVIES tonight.  
I'll cry my EYES out about LASSIE.

FADE TO:

VALENTINES DAY    KATIES KITCHEN    WEEKS LATER    MORNING

MOM

Katie, get up I made BREAKFAST!  
I made BACON and eggs!

KATIE

( running in the kitchen in pajamas)  
let's bake the men some valentine  
COOKIES. And make some homemade  
VALENTINE CARDS. I bought a vintage  
assorted gift card packet for VALEN-  
TINES at the gift shop.

MOM

Ok let's eat and make some CUPCAKES  
And cookies, then the CARDS for them.  
Brian and your father are GOING to take  
Some CATTLE to the MARKET.

KATIE

I was so LUCKY to get him. I'm glad He's helping dad. He's so CUTE and CONSIDERATE.

MOM

Is he someone you want to get serious WITH?

KATIE

I guess so, I already LOVE him!  
I love bacon and EGGS and hot CHOCOLATE. I'm so blessed mom.

MOM

Maybe if you play YOUR cards right. He'll ASK you to marry him.

KATIE

We can sure PRAY on that! He'll make a good HUSBAND. I wonder if he wants CHILDREN.

MOM

Better be FINDING all that out. your father spoke about GIVING you some LAND to BUILD a cabin or some KIND of home.

KATIE

A two story LOG cabin? With a beautiful KITCHEN and four bedrooms.

MOM

You'd better get to STUDYING if you want a BARN office for your

practice. I don't know where all those people are going to PARK.

KATIE

The PERFECT life on the farm, I had better PASS all my classes. I am so DETERMINED to become a VETERINARIAN. It's my life goal It's my DREAM.

MOM

(hugs Katie reassuring her)

Of course DEAR, you'll meet your goals! You'll even MARRY Brian! and have a SON and a daughter.

KATIE

Oh good, I pray EVERY night that I'm all HE ever needs in life. We'll soon be horse JOCKEYS and we'll race all the way from Florida to KENTUCKY!

MOM

You have too much going for you. Enjoy it while you're YOUNG dear. Time passes so QUICKLY. Just yesterday I was a little girl, and my dad bought me a FILLIE. I named her

LITTLE SUSIE. I rode her and brushed her everyday. I never thought of entering her in the Kentucky Derby!

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KATIE

Did you and your FAMILY go to the derby?

MOM

Many TIMES my parents took me to the derby. We made a WEEKEND of it and got a hotel at the GALT house, and ate at the spaghetti FACTORY. Just like yesterday. Time GOES by so FAST.....

KATIE

Nine MORE weeks 'till the Kentucky Derby! Oh mom we have TO pull this off.

MOM

Don't worry dear I made the HOTEL reservations to go up two nights before for the derby FESTIVAL. We'll stay at the Galt house and Sparrow has a warm STALL right there at CHURCHILL DOWNS.

KATIE

Go it's all set. The reservations and HORSE Hotel. Look at my STRING of valentine hearts

Mother puts logs on the fire, and the day passes quickly as they make homemade valentine cookies and cupcakes. Katie ices the cookies and

cupcakes and for the first time felt so warm by the Kentucky fire. Her thoughts and mind were on winning the Kentucky Derby and Brian.

CUT TO:

LIBRARY IN LEXINGTON

MORNING

KATIE

I want to look at THESE books  
About previous DERBIES in Kentucky,  
And the JOCKEY behind the HORSE.

LIBRARIAN

These are DATED all the way back  
to the first Kentucky DERBY. There's  
a PICTURE of the derby Horse and jockey  
that won for each RACE.

KATIE

Ok thank you. You're VERY helpful  
I'll be sitting BACK here in the library.  
let me know FIFTEEN minutes before  
you close.

Katie takes the library books to a table in the back of the library to study the Kentucky Derby journals and the horses and the jockeys. She goes through old magazines and newspaper clippings. She reads for six hours when the librarian tells her the library's closing in fifteen minutes.



KATIE

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Oh, no a HARD rain.

LIBRARIAN

Let's RUN to our cars!

KATIE

Oh no, a I hope this rain  
doesn't RUIN our crops.

LIBRARIAN

Goodnight!

FADE TO:

FIREPLACE AT KATIES

EVENING

Grampa is looking at photo albums in front of the fireplace, the family  
Just ate, and Katie is drinking some hot cocoa and valentine cookies.

GRAMPS

I ate TOO many cookies  
Earlier TODAY. Where have  
You been ALL day?

KATIE

I went to the LIBRARY to re-  
search the previous derbies

and the HORSE and JOCKEY  
that won the DERBY. It was  
quite interesting. DID you  
know the TRACK is a mile and

A half and THE fastest horse  
ran it in a MINUTE and a half.

GRAMPS

Yeah, the speed of the HORSE,  
the quickest RACE in the world  
to WIN the triple crown.

KATIE

The TRADITION of the ladies  
wearing a STYLISH hat is elegant.  
it was started by the GOVERNORS  
WIFE. Of course she didn't have  
anywhere to wear her HATS.

GRAMPS

Oh yes, WHEN your grandmother  
Was ALIVE she dressed so sharp  
To go the Kentucky DERBY, red,  
BLUE, and yellow hats were her  
FAVORITE.

KATIE

Oh gramps, to think in LESS than  
TWO months my Sparrow will be  
Racing for the TRIPLE CROWN.

GRAMPS

I've been PRAYING to the Lord  
For the WIND to carry him.

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KATIE

Just think TWO MILLION dollars  
won't that help us on the RANCH.

GRAMPS

Oh, we're COMFORTABLE now, I don't  
I don't know WHAT else we could buy.  
Just that we have our HEALTH.

KATIE

I couldn't ask FOR nothing but my  
health for all of OUR family. Gramps  
I have FOND memories of the past  
years and our RICH heritage.

GRAMPS

Katie, It's the TIMES we share with  
each other, and BOND together as  
a FAMILY. Not just Material things.  
it's the MOMENTS and we make  
that are important. SOMEDAY I won't  
be around, and then your DAD and  
mom will pass. It's IMPORTANT to  
keep BRIAN.

KATIE

Oh GRAMPS please don't leave me  
alone on this FARM.

GRAMPS

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You better be a WONDERFUL partner,  
and keep in HIGH spirits for your mate,

Brian, 'cause I LOOK back at times  
I shared WITH your grandmother,  
and time has PASSED me by. I'm  
eighty- seven years OLD, and you're  
in the MIDDLE of your twenties. You  
have a whole LIFE ahead of you. Please  
make the best out of the TIME.

KATIE

Oh gramps, I'm so LUCKY to have been  
born in to such WEALTH with a Christian  
family, and a large ESTATE. This farm  
is where I GREW up, and every Air Force  
base in the United STATES. Time is essen-  
tial, It's how we SPEND our TIME now and  
not WASTE it.

GRAMPS

That's right HONEY, you should have  
some FOND memories of your LIFE  
being dragged AROUND as an Air Force  
brat! I once RAN in the derby and won  
FIRST place, that's how I bought this  
FARM.

KATIE

Oh what a SECRET is that! I didn't ever  
Know that. I think I saw you in the

Dad and mom enter the den and bring a tray of hot cocoa, and cookies. The cattle your dad sold brought such a great reward I thought we should celebrate, with some treats. we have enough money to build a new home for Katie.

GRAMPS

It'll make a great DOWERY  
for you Katie. YOUR boyfriend  
might marry you and YOU have  
already EARNED a home, and  
a LARGE land piece. A Kentucky  
HOMESTEAD. Oh my Katie, you  
know how many GIRLS would love  
to be IN your shoes?

KATIE

Yes, gramps I love you thanks dad  
For my COLLEGE education. I hope  
Brian MARRIES me someday. Of  
Course I only knew HIM six months.

CLOSE TO:

FOUR NIGHTS BEFORE THE KENTUCKY DERBY

NIGHT TIME

BARN

FULL MOON

Horses get loud neighing and kicking loudly. The squeal of a bobcat 82 screeches loudly in the horse barn.

DAD

(Katie, somethings attacking the horses!)  
I've got my shotgun let's get to the barn

A loud shot is fired then two more. A scream of a bobcat was heard. Katie runs to the barn.

KATIE

(screaming)

Are you Ok? Where's Sparrow?  
dad it's so DARK in here. Oh  
SPARROW are you ok my little  
dear?

DAD

I shot that ole BOBCAT that  
killed a few of our CHICKENS.

KATIE

Oh dad, WHAT if you didn't get  
out here in time? The BOBCAT  
would of KILLED my little Sparrow.  
look at Shiloh she's PREGNANT again!

DAD

I'm just glad that the bobcat hasn't  
attacked you on the HIKING trail,

you still had BETTER be careful.  
THERE might be a female and a  
litter of KITTENS.

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KATIE

Oh I'll be careful, WE better tell  
MOM and gramps.

CLOSE TO:

HOME

NEXT DAY

AFTERNOON

GRAMPS

I'm going to go CLEAN out the  
horse TRAILER, and give Sparrow  
a bath.

KATIE

Ok, gramps, I'd better PACK.  
I hope Brian REMEMBERS to  
bring a WINDBREAKER, and  
some RAIN gear. It always  
rains at the Kentucky DERBY.

DAD

I might WEAR a blue Jean  
outfit mother bought ME.

KATIE

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Ok, sounds great! I'll be in JEANS too. We can dress LIKE cowboys. with boots and a HAT.

GRAMPS

Me too, I'm going in DENIM too, and COWBOY boots and a cowboy HAT.

MOM

I'm wearing a BLUE pants outfit kind of DRESSY. I've been exercising for it, and I've lost the twelve pounds.

DAD

I thought you LOKED slimmer! let's not FORGET the binoculars, and the CAMCORDER.

KATIE

Pack THEM now, I'm GOING to pack my CAMERA and my film. let's NOT take more than one bag each. WE don't want to overload THE trucks!

MOM

I bought some SNACKS and pop for the TRIP. We can stop at a RESTAURANT on the way.



DAD

Let's stay TOGETHER too. I don't want to GET lost and walk all OVER looking for you.

KATIE

I'll start PACKING the bags in the TRUCKS. I better go remind gramps to pack Sparrow enough grain for a WEEK. And a clean water bucket. I BETTER pack an extra HORSE BLANKET for him.

MOM

Let's have LEFTOVERS tonight. there's PLENTY of steak and POTATOES left from the cook-out.

DAD

That's WHY the bobcat keeps hanging out here, cause of the GRILL.

MOM

Well he's GONE, are we going to call that NICE couple from the CHURCH to watch the FARM.

DAD

I'm starving, let's CARRY these

bags OUT to the car.

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Family begins to pack the trucks. Mothers on the phone giving directions to closing the stable so the horse will survive. The chickens Need to be put up in their cage while we're gone. Etc.

CLOSE TO:

BARN

NEXT DAY

MORNING

Beautiful morning with a red sky sunrise to the west.

Katie

ARE we ready for THE big day?

BRIAN

I boarded Sparrow up in the horse TRAILER already.

GRAMPS

I'm as READY as I'll ever be.  
all packed and FULL from the  
good BREAKFAST.

DAD

Brian, we'll stop at NOON to  
eat dinner at the RANCH DINER  
It's off 64 W and the second exit 2

Katie

If we LEAVE now, we'll win the derby. Giggling did you get your tennis shoes MOM

MOM

Yeah, cameras, BINNOCULARS, and SNACKS are already on the Winnebago.

DAD

Ok let's go!

INT. HIGHWAY                      LATER THAT DAY                      AFTERNOON

Restaurant full of people. Several horse owners are present. They Greet each other making small talk. And they place their orders.

COUPLE

We RECOGNIZE you from  
The brochure. YOUR friend  
Won the LAST two derbies.

KATIE

Are you guys entering a HORSE?

COUPLE

OH it's enjoyable if NOTHING else.  
It'll be an experience FOR us to  
REMEMBER. I bought a blue

HAT for the Derby ha!

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KATIE

I'm wearing my RED COWBOY

Hat and cowboy BOOTS.

WAITER

WHOA! Who had the HAM-  
BURGERS. The MORGENS?

KATIE

That's us! Mine had CHEESE.

COUPLE

We had PORK tenderloins!

Small talk hovers over the lunch tables. Katie begins to take pictures of the people in the restaurant. It had a giant horse statue and some children were trying to mount it. She took several pictures of them and her family and we're off to the derby.

GRAMPS

(family exits to the car lot)  
we're OFF to the Derby gramps  
holds a sign-language GUN up  
blows it OFF.

KATIE

Oh, your INVISIBLE gun!

DAD

Let's head to the Galt House.

BRIAN

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We're gonna STOP at the Churchill  
DOWNS exit and unload Sparrow.

They have HIM a horse stall  
His horse HOTEL.

DAD

See you later at the GALT  
HOUSE. We'll CHECK in.

CUT TO:

CHURCHILL DOWNS

MOMENTS LATER

AFTERNOON

BRIAN

WE have our HORSE here  
SPARROW. Ready to stay  
in your CARE.

KATIE

Come on Sparrow, pulling him  
out of the trailer. HE looks scared.  
all his COMPETITION is in the barn  
in SEVERAL stalls. He puts Sparrow  
in his Stall.

BRIAN

I bet he's hungry, I'll FEED him

and get him some FRESH water.  
I wish I could SPEND the night with  
him. Just to make sure he MAKES  
the TRANSITION.

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KATIE

Oh Honey, he'll BE alright. I  
bet he needs to eat and then  
take a long walk to get some  
air. Then we'll LEAVE and go  
get some dinner.

TWO MEN

Sparrow will be ok here IN his  
HORSE MOTEL. Enjoy the festival.

CUT TO:

GALT HOUSE

AN HOUR LATER

EVENING

Katie and Brian check in with their clothing bags and become anxious to join the family. The room was deluxe and had a bottle of champagne on ice with shrimp and caviar with cocktail sauce.

BRIAN

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Isn't this NICE. An adjoining room.  
If you get scared YOU can run over  
To my SIDE and cuddle up with me.

KATIE

This SHRIMP and cocktail sauce  
is nice how about that the GALT  
house. I better not DRINK too  
much Champagne cause we have  
The DERBY FESTIVAL.

BRIAN

I'll make RESERVATIONS at Buck-  
horns on fourth STREET. Let's wash  
up and CHANGE clothes and hurry  
to our table. I'm ordering PRIME  
rib and a baked potato.

KATIE

I'll shower and change WILL go see  
you in a MINUTE. I'm going to  
change from the RIDE up.

FADES TO:

GALT HOUSE: BRIANS ROOM    MOMENTS LATER    EVENING

BRIAN

HOW do I look?

KATIE

You look GREAT Let's  
go. MOM and dad are

CUT TO:

DOWNSTAIRS GALT HOUSE DOOR FACING FOURTH STREE EVENING

Brian hollers at a taxicab for Katie and him to go to Buckhorns Steak House. Entertainment bands made up fourth street along with little restaurants and shops. Kentucky State Troopers on horses walking up and down the street. People crowded the road. A taxi pulls up to the curb and pick them up.

CUT TO:

BUCKHORNS RESTAURANTS

EVENING

KATIE

I'm so NERVOUS about the  
RACE!

BRIAN

Don't you have FAITH in me?

KATIE

More THAN ever!

An entertainment show begins with a cute girl putting a magic show on holding a parrot in a cage. She's laying down in a box and about



to be sawed in two. Brian and Katie enjoy the show.

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BRIAN  
(clapping hands)

BRAVO, bravo

KATIE  
This is SO good, I am really  
enjoying the NIGHT ! We  
have to do FOURTH STREET  
again sometime.

The night ends and the couple stroll down fourth street enjoying the lights and music from the bands. They soon catch a taxi and ride back to the Galt House.

CUT TO:

KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL

NEXT DAY

MORNING

BRIAN  
Hey Katie! wake up RISE and shine!  
You'll MISS the DERBY FESTIVAL.  
Get some JEANS and a t- shirt on.  
Let's head to the infield. It's a free  
day! Like a madigras in the infield  
beer, mixed drinks and hamburgers.

KATIE  
Oh , I wouldn't miss it for the world!

CUT TO:

KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL INFIELD      HOUR LATER      MORNING

GRAMPS

Hey YOU two! How would you all like to join us AT the Lobster house for crab LEGS and steak?

BRIAN

Oh no! there will be PLENTY of food at the DERBY FESTIVAL! Polish SAUSAGE, cotton candy hamburgers and fries, BEER and cocktails. POPCORN, peanuts...

KATIE

There's a CARNIVAL going on all DAY and night. I want to SHOOT the GUNS and hit all the ducks in a ROW. And win a stuffed UNICORN. A magical horse from AESOPS could bring GOOD LUCK to the KENTUCKY horse race! For US.

FADE TO:

Lights are colorful and the Farris wheel is well lit. The people are Coming in from everywhere, every state as they mingle within the crowds. Children playing slot machines and running to catch a ride on the Farris wheel, magical cups, and merry go round. Hot air Balloons are in the sky, and fireworks galore! A large clown walking around in big shoes handing out cotton candy and popcorn for free. A lady on a tight rope and a big brown bear jumping through a fiery hoola hoop.

KATIE

Isn't this WONDERFUL !  
QUITE a change from rural  
farm life to a carnival of FUN.

GRAMPS

(carrying an oversized monkey)  
I feel like A KID all over again!  
I WON a stuffed monkey throw-  
ing darts. It's the cutest MONKEY!

KATIE

HEY gang, LOOK over here say  
CHEESE! I hope these pictures  
develop it's almost midnight!

MOM

MIDNIGHT! We have to get up  
for the KENTUCKY DERBY! How  
will we sleep, our minds are  
filled with excitement!

BRIAN

(taking Moms hand)

Let's go to a carney BOOTH

and shoot guns and try to  
win you a stuffed bear.

MOM

The carnies want us here!  
I WON! I WON ! I shot the  
ten ducks in a row and I WON!  
Let me have the GIANT PINK  
UNICORN ! I will remember  
this night FOREVER!

DAD

I want the stuffed PUPPY  
I won, I WON ha ha!  
I'm ENJOYING myself. How  
will Brian GET up and ride  
SPARROW.

KATIE

Gramps is going to RIDE in  
derby TOMORROW! Sparrow  
will WIN !

They enjoy the evening to the fullest and panic cause it's past twelve midnight! Katie decides she has to swing by Churchill Downs and say a prayer for Sparrow. One last time before the derby tomorrow.

CUT TO:

CHURCHILL DOWNS    LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY    MOMENTS LATER

Katie is brushing Sparrows coat with a brush and gives him fresh water and feed. She begins to sing him the lullabies she once did when he was born. The family lead in a Christian prayer for strength for Sparrow to win the Kentucky Derby and defeat if he fails. The family all hug Sparrow and felt ridiculous placing all their hope and money invested in a horse race.

FADE TO:

GALT HOUSE

MOMENTS LATER

NIGHT FADES

GRAMPS

GOODNIGHT! Wake me up  
If I survive all this FUN!

BRIAN

Let's just order BREAKFAST in  
The room in the MORNING.

MOM

You'll feel RUSHED.

KATIE

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Wake us up, WE stayed out  
too LATE!

CUT TO:

CHURCHILL DOWNS

THE KENTUCKY DERBY

FINAL RACE

KATIE

I was just riding SPARROW and  
Just REALIZED that it's my  
CHANCE of a lifetime to win.  
He's a SMOOTH ride, I was  
flying like a BIRD. So Smooth and  
gliding. So fast, the fastest I ever  
rode Sparrow. Like a WINNER.

BRIAN

The fastest TWO minutes in American  
SPORTS The KENTUCKY DERBY!

KATIE

I enjoyed LAST night so much! Thanks  
for bringing me and my FAMILY to  
such an awesome EVENT. They are  
really enjoying it!

BRIAN

Well it's an excellent MEMORY for

all of us! The CARNIVAL was like my childhood. ALWAYS winning! A stuffed animal, a BLUE ribbon, but now a CHANCE of a lifetime to RUN FOR THE ROSES and win The PURSE worth TWO MILLION dollars.

KATIE

Brian I just WANT to thank you for this one big HORSE race!

BRIAN

Yes, and THANK you too for sharing your FAMILY and farm with ME.

KATIE

I Just want to say a PRAYER for Sparrow that he has SPEED and strength to win this RACE.

BRIAN

Ok, one more last MINUTE detail. I BOUGHT you a gift for this wonderful day. Please open it.

KATIE

Oh Brian you bought me a RING!

BRIAN

(on his knees proposing to Katie)  
Katie will you MARRY me?

KATIE

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Yes! Brian I will ! I'm Yours!  
you mean you're asking me  
to marry you right BEFORE  
The DERBY. Of course I will,

BRIAN

It'll be a GOOD marriage, and  
a good RACE.

KATIE

Yes I ACCEPT you with all my  
Love and HONOR!

BRIAN

Ok, Little gal, You're ENGAGED  
I love you with all my MIGHT!

KATIE

Oh, my HEARTS racing so fast!  
DID we just Win or is the derby  
OVER, I'm seating and NERVOUS  
and SHAKEY.

BRIAN

No, the HORSE RACE hasn't  
even began. The Governor  
will WINK at me and then he  
will SHOOT his GUN a single  
SHOT and the stalls will open!



KATIE

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Oh no you're PROGRAMMED to  
Win. I just WONDER....

BRIAN

WHAT Katie? If life is special?  
this is a chance of a lifetime,

A LIFETIME chance to win !  
An opportunity to grab a  
chance, 'cause chances only  
come ONCE in a lifetime.

KATIE

(with a tear stained face)  
Oh that is so SPECIAL, Brian  
that's so NICE that you want  
me to be in your LIFE !

BRIAN

You know the FIRST time I saw  
you I THOUGHT she's just a kid!  
and that MARE he was just so  
little and WIMPY and so cute!  
I hoped his LEGS would develop  
and GAIN speed! Then he got  
faster and faster, and built en-  
durance, till one day....

KATIE

That little MARE, has brought  
me a CHANCE to the KENTUCKY  
DERBY. And here I am in Love

with my HORSE Trainer. Oh Sparrow you came from such a BEAUTIFUL family and now's a chance to prove your love to me and my FAMILY. I enter you in the KENTUCKY DERBY!

BRIAN

Hey, I'd better GET you a MINT JULIP and a steak burger from the STAND over there.

The horns began to blow and the crowd cheered on, and the Kentucky Governor turned to the speaker and spoke the 131<sup>st</sup> Running of the Kentucky Derby. He turned to the horse jockeys and asked them to mount their horses. Then he looked for Brian and Katie panicked. She screamed Brian's name loudly when she saw him go around the corner catching her eye he yelled...

BRIAN

Go ahead Katie this is your DAY!  
MOUNT SPARROW and "RUN FOR the ROSES."

KATIE

Brian! How could you do this to me!  
I get it. You TRAINED ME!

The Kentucky Governor looked at Katie and winked then gave her a nod as she was now on Sparrow and he fired a shot from his gun. The Song “RUN FOR THE ROSES” by Dan Fogelberg played loudly as she whipped the blindfolded pet horse, Sparrow and won the race in a minute and a half! Everyone came down from the box stands and the Governor placed the ring of roses around her neck and shook her hand. Brian, gramps, dad, and mom were hugging her on her horse and the song played on. Brian used a special giggle to his fiancé and laughed. And Katie bent over and hugged Sparrow.

THE END

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