

**SCENE 6**

*(1946. HAYES CREEK. THE BOOKSTORE.)*

*(MAX enters.)*

**MARGO**

Hello Max, how can I help you?

**MAX**

Oh, I'm a little early. I'm walking Edna home after the bookstore closes.

*(Seeing EDNA's anticipation.)*

**MARGO**

Well, guess what. We just closed.

*(MAX puts his arm out and EDNA takes it. They exit.)*

*(MARGO arranges books. BILLY appears at the door. The bell rings, MARGO's back is to him.)*

May I help you...

*(she swings around)*

Well.

*(She runs to him, they hug excitedly.)*

**START**



**BILLY CANE**

Happy to see me?

**MARGO**

For a writer you're not very good at reading people. What are you doing here?

**BILLY CANE**

Margo, you're the first person I wanted to tell. I'm going to be published in the Asheville Southern Journal!

**MARGO**

What? Whoo hoo!

*(MARGO goes crazy with celebration. She jumps around like BILLY did when he was*

*told the same information. Finally, she leans on the desk, exhausted.)*

**MARGO (CONT'D)**

*(out of breath)*

That is some damn news.

**BILLY CANE**

...my, my.

*(He steps back.)*

**MARGO**

What is it, Billy?

**BILLY CANE**

I think I'm seeing you in a new way.

**MARGO**

What do you mean?

**BILLY CANE**

Margo, since I came back from the war many things have changed in my life.

**MARGO**

Of course.

**BILLY CANE**

And some things have remained constant. Family. This place, Hayes Creek. But one thing has been both constant and changing. And I wonder "how is that possible?"

**MARGO**

Anything's possible with people. What is it?

**BILLY CANE**

Us.

**MARGO**

There's an 'us?'

**BILLY CANE**

There is if you want there to be.

**MARGO**

I don't know. I've just never thought of you that way.

#19 ALWAYS WILL

**BILLY CANE**

WE'RE S'POSED TO BE TOGETHER I KNOW  
I FEEL IT WAY DOWN DEEP IN MY SOUL  
WE'RE NEVER MEANT TO BE APART  
I KEEP YOU ON THE INSIDE OF MY HEART  
I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL  
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

**BILLY AND MARGO**

I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL  
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

**MARGO**

WE'RE S'POSED TO BE TOGETHER IT'S TRUE  
I'VE HAD MY DOUBTS BUT NOT ABOUT YOU

**BILLY CANE**

WE'RE NEVER MEANT TO BE APART  
I LOVE YOU 'CAUSE I HAVE FROM THE START

**BILLY AND MARGO**

I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL  
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL  
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**CONTINUE** ↓

**BILLY CANE**

Margo, I have a confession to make. While I was in Asheville, I kissed a girl.

**MARGO**

Oh? What was it like?

**BILLY CANE**

Have you ever kissed a chicken?

**MARGO**

*(embarrassed, giggles)*

Yes!

*(BILLY walks over and kisses her.)*

**BILLY CANE**

How long's it been since I kissed you?

**MARGO**

Twelve years. And that was on a dare. You ran like a rabbit.

**BILLY CANE**

Believe it or not, I'm shakin' now like I was that day.

**END** ↑

**BILLY AND MARGO**

WE'RE NEVER MEANT TO BE APART  
I LOVE YOU NOW I HAVE FROM THE START  
I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL  
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

**ENSEMBLE**

THEY ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL  
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

**#19A SCENE CHANGE**

*[TRANSITION TO:]*