All Our Love Somewhat based on a true story

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A PICK UP TRUCK IS PULLED OVER ON THE SIDE OF A COUNTRYSIDE HIGHWAY, MOTOR IS IDLING, WINDOWS OPEN, MUSIC PLAYING ON THE STEREO. ALEC, A YOUNG MAN IN HIS EARLY THIRTIES IS IN THE DITCH PICKING WILD DAISIES, SINGING ALONG TO THE SONG PLAYING ON HE RADIO. WHEN HE IS SATISFIED WITH HIS BOUQUET, HE CLIMBS UP THE STEEP DITCH AND GETS BACK INTO HIS TRUCK. HE CAREFULLY PUTS THE FLOWERS ON THE PASSENGER SEAT, AND PULLS BACK ONTO THE HIGHWAY, CRANKS THE MUSIC A LITTLE LOUDER AND SINGS ALONG.

INT. SARAH'S OFFICE- DAY

SARAH, YOUNG WOMAN, EARLY THIRTIES, IS SITTING AT HER DESK, STARING AT A COMPUTER SCREEN AND TALKING ON THE PHONE.

SARAH

Yes that's right Mrs. Peterson. Your husband's pension will be transferred to your name. (listens) Yes, that's right. No need to worry, I will be setting all of this up for you and the money will be transferred to your account every month. (listens)

Sarah's supervisor walks into her office to talk to her but sees that she's on the phone. She writes a message on a piece of paper and flashes it to Sarah "ALMOST DONE WITH THE ANDERSON FILE?". Sarah replies with the same method while continuing her phone conversation "IT WILL BE ON YOUR DESK TOMORROW MORNING."

SARAH

Yes it's all going to work out.
(listens) That's what I'm here
for. (listens) You're welcome. And
again, Mrs. Peterson, I want to
tell you how sorry I am for your
loss. Roger was such a humble guy
and he is deeply missed around the
office. (listens) You just have to
take it one day at a time.
(listens) No I'm not a religious
person but I truly believe that
they never leave our sides. He's
still here (break), I can feel it.
(MORE)

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SARAH (CONT'D)

(listens) Yes, well you stay positive Mrs. Peterson and please, don't hesitate to call me if there's anything else I can do. Ok... have a great evening. Bye now.

Sarah continues her work and after a few moments, does a quick time check on her cell phone which is beside her on the desk. Wallpaper is a shot of Alec and her on their wedding day. As she stares at the screen, her phone rings. Alec is calling.

- Continuous back and forth shots between Sarah in her office and Alec in his truck driving on the highway.

SARAH

(answering) I was just thinking of you...

ALEC

Hey there beautiful...

SARAH

Where are you? Aren't you supposed to be at work?

ALEC

It's five thirty. I punched out half an hour ago.

SARAH

Look at you working like a banker.

ALEC

How about you? Don't tell me you're still at work?

SARAH

Yeah... it's been a long week so far... and we're only half way through.

ALEC

You work to hard.

SARAH

I just like to get things done.

ALEC

But once you get one thing done, another thing is waiting so you can't win! Life isn't a race Sarah.

SARAH

Sure feels like it these days.

ALEC

That's because you're making it out to be a race.

SARAH

I wish I could be more like you Alec. Your job is stressful but you just never seem to let it get to you.

Alec passes a Tim Horton's along a highway.

ALEC

You just gotta live in the moment!

SARAH

Yeah... maybe someday I'll get it.

ALEC

I'm going to make it my mission to help you get it.

SARAH

Thanks Yoda. Hey... where are you? Are you in your truck?

ALEC

Yeah...I'm just on my way to town to grab a few things at the hardware store. I might finish those renos sooner than we thought.

SARAH

That's great! You wouldn't by any chance be close to a Tim Horton's right now? I could really use a coffee! I have to finish a file before heading home and I need a little caffeine boost.

Alec pulls a U-turn and heads back to the Tim Horton's.

ALEC

Luckily there's one at every corner. (break) You won't be home too late though right?

SARAH

I hope not. (break) This office is so somber with Roger being gone.

Alec pulls into the drive-tru.

ALEC

Yeah. He was a good guy. Gone too soon.

SARAH

Yeah...

ALEC

What size of coffee do you want?

SARAH

Extra Large.

ALEC

I guess you're not sleeping tonight. Should I get one too? (giggles)

DRIVE THRU CLERK

Yeah what do you want?

SARAH

She sounds chirpy.

ALEC

Well good evening beautiful... how is your day going so far?

SARAH

(giggling) Oh here we go...

DRIVE THRU CLERK

Fine. Can I take your order?

ALEC

Well yes, you sure can! I would love a large cup of your best coffee with 2 milks and a big smile.

DRIVE THRU CLERK

(chuckles) Is that all?

SARAH

(giggles) You are honestly too much.

ALEC

Oh.. and maybe just one chocolate Timbit to seal the deal. I'm watching my waistline.

DRIVE THRU CLERK

(giggles) Alright... drive on through.

SARAH

You just made her day.

ALEC

Just doing my part in this world.

Alec pulls up to the window. The female clerk is joined by another coworker who was intrigued by this customer. They both blush as they see him pull in. Alec pays for his order.

ALEC

(to the clerks) I got two smiles... this is my lucky day!

He reaches over and grabs two daisies from his bouquet. He hands them over to the girls.

ALEC

Here you go ladies. You have yourselves a very lovely evening.

SARAH

Oh God... you are too much! What did you give them?

ALEC

Daisies... spoiler alert but I picked 32 daisies for you.

SARAH

Why 32?

ALEC

Because it's your 32nd birthday in a few days, remember?

SARAH

Yes I know that.

ALEC

Well you have 30 daisies now. Should I give one more away so that you can be 29 forever?

SARAH

Where do you come up with this stuff?

ALEC

It's a gift.

SARAH

OK.. I guess I'll see you in a bit with that coffee. I have to get back to work if I want to get this done.

ALEC

Fine. But you have to do something for me first.

SARAH

What's that?

ALEC

Take Friday off.

SARAH

Friday off? Why?

ALEC

Because the weather is supposed to be beautiful on Friday and so far, it's supposed to rain on Saturday for your party. I want to go to the beach for the day. I know how much you love the beach.

SARAH

That sounds nice.

ALEC

We could invite Simon and Lea to come along too.

SARAH

We'll see...

ALEC

Promise you will...

SARAH

What happens if it rains on Saturday?

ALEC

I have a plan B. I made reservations at your favourite restaurant.

SARAH

OK that works.

ALEC

Well, I'm hanging up right now and calling our peeps to invite them to the beach!

SARAH

Alec... wait... I have so much on my plate...

ALEC

What? I can't hear you... you're cutting out...

SARAH

I don't know if taking Friday off is a good idea...

ALEC

We'll have to talk when you get home... Ok Love you! See you in a few.

Sarah hangs up the phone and chuckles. She stays still, smiling. She scrolls through her pictures and gets pulled into memory lane.

INT. SHOPPING MALL- DAY, FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO PRESENT DAY

SARAH IS SHOPPING WITH HER FRIEND LEA. A FEW SHOPPING BAGS IN HAND, THEY ARE WAITING IN LINE TO ORDER COFFEE FROM A VENDOR IN THE FOOD COURT.

LEA

Did you work late last night?

SARAH

No, I actually had the night off.

LEA

Oh really? A Friday night off from bartending, that doesn't happen too often.

SARAH

I know!

LEA

What did you end up doing?

SARAH

I had a date.

LEA

Oh really? Who's the guy?

SARAH

Well, you know my friend Alyson from work?

LEA

Yeah...

SARAH

She's been wanting to set me up with her brother for a while. But I resisted 'cause, you know me and my history of blind dates.

TEA

So you gave in?

SARAH

Actually I did. A few weeks ago. This was date number three.

LEA

You've been out with this guy three times and this is the first time I hear about it?

SARAH

I just didn't want to jinx it. He's a pretty cool guy.

LEA

Do you have a pic?

SARAH

I only have the one Alyson sent me.

Sarah grabs her phone from her purse and shows Lea the pic.

LEA

What? That's him? (looks closer) No... you got this out of a magazine! Are you pulling my leg right?

SARAH

No this is a real picture.

LEA

He is way too good looking to be single.

SARAH

He is pretty easy on the eyes that's for sure.

TEA

He has to be a doosh... guys that look like that are always doosh bags.

SARAH

Well, so far, I'm not getting that vibe. He's honestly the nicest guy I've ever met.

LEA

Well, well...

SARAH

He seems kind and humble ...

LEA

You're pretty intuitive Sarah. Lets hope this pans out.

SARAH

Yeah... I have a really good feeling about this one.

EXT. BEACH- DAY

ALEC'S TRUCK PULLS INTO THE BEACH PARKING LOT. MUSIC PLAYING LOUDLY. SIMON IS SITTING SHOTGUN. SARAH AND LEA ARE SITTING IN THE BACK SEAT. THEY STEP OUT OF THE TRUCK.

SIMON

This sure beats being in the office!

ALEC

Ya think? (break) Well, sun's out, guns out! (takes off his shirt) Race you to the water Simon!

LEA

(yelling at Simon) Oh honey... are you still wearing our underwear? Might want to put your swim trunks on first...

The boys run full speed down the boardwalk and jump into the water.

LEA

... OK, never mind...

SARAH

Boys... Alec is like a child when he comes here.

LEA

It definitely makes you forget all your worries and just... you know, live in the moment.

SARAH

You know, Alec has been saying that often these days.

LEA

He worries about you. He wants you to enjoy life a little more.

SARAH

I know. (break, looking out at the boys splashing in the water). Well, I don't know if it's my stress being released but I feel like I should really take it all in today.

LEA

Me too. Feels good doesn't it?

SARAH

Yep. Not a cloud in the sky. But tomorrow, t's supposed to pour for my party.

LEA

Lets just take this one day at a time, you never know, the weather might flip...

SARAH

Yeah maybe. But the weather app has been bang on lately.

LEA

Would you look at that ...

Alec is sitting with a few kids on the beach, helping them build a sand castle.

SARAH

I don't know who is having more fun; the kids or Alec?

She stares at him, smirking and breathes deeply, savouring the moment.

INT. ALEC COUNTRYSIDE HOME, BEDROOM- DAWN

ALEC AND SARAH ARE SOUND ASLEEP. LIGHT IS STARTING TO SHINE THROUGH THEIR BEDROOM WINDOW. SARAH IS IN A DREAM STATE AND SEEMS A LITTLE AGITATED.

EXT. ALEC'S COUNTRYSIDE HOME- DUSK

INSIDE SARAH'S DREAM

It's her wedding day and she is exchanging vows with Alec in their backyard. They kiss. She turns to look at Lea who is standing by her side as he maid of honour.

LEA

Enjoy this moment Sarah.

Sarah smiles at Lea but when she turns back, Alec is nowhere to be found.

SARAH

Alec?

Sarah looks around. All the chairs are empty.

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SARAH

Alec? Where are you?

Sarah is getting more and more frantic as she finds herself alone. She starts running through the fields panicking.

SARAH

Alec? Where are you? Answer me! Please!

A little girl, 3-4 years old, wearing a floral dress and rubber boots appears beside her.

YOUNG GIRL

Who's Alec?

SARAH

My husband... have you seen him?

The little girl giggles and runs off in the tall grass. Sarah follows her into the ravine.

SARAH

Hey... who are you?

YOUNG GIRL

Alec isn't there yet.

SARAH

Where? Is he coming here.

YOUNG GIRL

Yes.. he is coming here soon.

SARAH

I'm confused... who are you?

The little girl stares at her for a moment. And giggles.

SARAH

Alec?... (yelling) Alec!!!

INT. ALEC'S COUNTRYSIDE HOME- DAWN

SARAH WAKES SUDDENLY FROM HER DREAM AND QUICKLY CHECKS TO SEE IF ALEC IS BESIDE HER.

SARAH

Alec!

Alec wakes-up frantic realizing that something might be wrong.

ALEC

Hey... what's wrong?

SARAH

Nothing... I just had a bad dream that's all.

ALEC

What was it about?

SARAH

I can't remember much but I know that I couldn't find you. You were gone and I couldn't find you.

ALEC

Well it was just a dream. I'm right here and I'm not going anywhere.

SARAH

It was the worse feeling ever.

ALEC

It was just a dream. We all have those dreams that creep us out. (break) I once had a dream that a bunch of nuns were having a corn roast in our backyard. I have no idea what it was all about but I had that dream more than once.

SARAH

(laughing) That's so random and weird...

ALEC

Well... I tried not to analyze it too much (laughing).

SARAH

Yeah I guess. (laughing)

ALEC

Hey would you look at that?

SARAH

What?

ALEC

It's not raining!

SARAH

Huh.

Alec grabs his phone from the side table and checks the weather forecast.

ALEC

Weather app says no chance of rain at all! Blue skies all day! How about that eh?

SARAH

It's because you planned this party for me! The universe is always on your side.

ALEC

It's not my birthday, it's yours! The universe is on your side today.

SARAH

Well, technically, my birthday is not until tomorrow so...

ALEC

Stop being so technical and accept it!

SARAH

OK fine! I'm grateful!

ALEC

There you go! Think that everything happens for a reason... you were meant to have a wicked backyard party.

SARAH

Accepted.

Sarah kicks off her sheets and gets ready to get up. Alec grabs her arm and pulls her against him.

ALEC

Ummm... the morning is still young. You're not getting away from me birthday girl.

EXT. ALEC'S COUNTRYSIDE HOME- DUSK

ACTION STARTS ON OUTSIDE PATIO.FRIENDS ARE GATHERED TO CELEBRATE SARAH'S BIRTHDAY. PATIO TABLE, CHAIRS AND LAWN GAMES ARE SPRAWLED ON PATIO AREA. LARGE HAPPY BIRTHDAY BANNER HUNG IN THE TREES. THE COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTY HAS ROLLING FIELDS AND AN OLD BARN AT A CLOSE DISTANCE FROM THE HOUSE. BEAUTIFUL SUMMER END OF DAY. GUESTS ARE CASUALLY ENJOYING DRINKS AND EATING BURGERS AND DOGS THAT ALEC IS PREPARING AND SERVING FROM THE NEARBY BARBECUE. ALEC CASUALLY SIPS A BEER AS HE IS COOKING.

ALEC

(putting the last patties on the grill) That's it folks! The last burgers are on the grill! You just about ate half a cow in patties!

Simon walks over the the grill with an empty plate.

SIMON

I'll take one of those! I swear I put my plate down for only a few seconds to go to the loo and a seagull, a squirrel or even maybe a raccoon must of snatched it!

ALEC

If you want sympathy you can find it between shit and syphilis in the dictionary. It's fair game out here in the country!

SIMON

Yeah thanks.

ALEC

I'm just kidding Simon! Burgers
are coming right up!

SIMON

Thanks Alec! (raises his beer) Cheers man!

ALEC

(raises his beer) Cheers!

SIMON

And cheers to this great weather! What a day for a backyard party!

ALEC

I know! I can't believe the weather forecast went from total downpours to nothing but blue skies and sunshine for Sarah's birthday. The backyard shenanigans were meant to be!

SIMON

Yeah it's amazing! Couldn't ask for a better day! Sometimes I feel like you have a horseshoe up your ass Alec. Luck is always on your side.

ALEC

It really made Sarah's day to have everyone over here.

SIMON

So no regrets about moving out to the country?

ALEC

Are you kidding me? Look at this place!

SIMON

How are the renovations going?

ALEC

We just finished them the other day! Just on time for the party. We can finally sit and relax and enjoy all of THIS. (break as he looks out to the property) I bet the sunset will be amazing tonight.

SIMON

You seem truly happy. Good on ya!

ALEC

You know what Simon? I am. There's not one thing I would change about my life.

SIMON

A little birdie told me that you and Sarah are going to start trying soon?

ALEC

Geeez... where did you hear that?

SIMON

You know the girls talk about babies all the time.

ALEC

I'm kidding! It's not a secret. We've been talking about it for a while. We agreed to wait until after the party. She didn't want her birthday to be a dry one!

SIMON

I'll drink to that! (cheers and takes a drink of his beer)

ALEC

Honestly, I can't wait to be a dad. And Sarah has wanted this for a long time, so now that the renos are done, we'll have plenty of time on our hands.

SIMON

I'll drink to that! (cheers and takes another drink)

Sound of motorized vehicle. Sarah comes rolling in on a "side-by-side" vehicle with her friend Lea sitting in the back. Alec greets Sarah with a plate of food.

ALEC

There's the birthday girl! Just on time for the last batch of burgers.

LEA

Where's my burger?

SIMON

(mouth full of food) Right here!
(hands her a half eaten burger)

LEA

See what I have to put up with Sarah?

ALEC

Oh come on... he's not that bad! He means well. I have a few more on the grill. Let me grab ya one!

LEA

What a guy. Honestly Sarah, you hit the jackpot with this man.

SARAH

I know.

Alec comes back with a burger and hands it to Lea.

ALEC

There you go beautiful!

LEA

Stop it! You're making me blush and your wife is right there.

SIMON

Easy tiger! (jokingly pulls Alec away from the girls and pretends he's calling him on to fight).

SARAH

That's Alec! He even makes the drive-tru girl at Tim Horton's blush by asking her how her day is going.

ALEC

What are you saying about me?

SARAH

Nothing. Great burger hun!

ALEC

Hey..Did you bring Lea to the ravine?

SARAH

No I didn't. We were getting hungry so I decided to come back here first.

SIMON

We'll have to check it out later. It's a pretty cool spot.

ALEC

Well hop in Lea! I'll drive you over before it gets dark. I think I forgot my phone down there this afternoon so I need to go check anyway. Do you want to come Sarah?

SARAH

No I think I'll stay here and mingle a bit.

ALEC

OK sounds good! I'll just do a quick tour, then we can have some cake and watch that sunset.

Alec grabs Sarah, dips and kisses her. Simon tries to do the same but accidentally drops Lea to the ground. Alec notices a small pack of Reese's Pieces mini candies fall out of Sarah's pocket.

ALEC

I think some of your sweetness just leaked out.

SIMON

Good God you have horrible lines.

ALEC

(picking up the candy) I'll save these for later.

SARAH

Hey! Those are mine!

ALEC

But you're already sweet enough.

SIMON

Here we go..

ALEC

Besides, you'll get plenty of sugar from that awesome cake I baked.

LEA

I didn't know you baked?

ALEC

I don't but I'm good friends with Betty Crocker and she always has my back.

Sarah tries to take the candy bag from one of his pockets.

SARAH

Ummmm... are those cigarettes in your pocket?

ALEC

Uh... nope! (laughing)OK Lea lets get this tour on the road!

Alec hops into the machine. Lea sits in the back and puts her seatbelt on.

LEA

I'm going to buckle up for this tour!

ALEC

I'm an excellent driver! Nothing to worry! Enjoy the ride and that amazing burger!

SARAH

You better not smell like cigarettes when you get back.

Alec blows Sarah a kiss. Alec and Lea take off at a moderate speed. They disappear behind a small tree line.

SIMON

He really did a good job cleaning this place up.

SARAH

Yeah he's so happy. (break) We're so happy.

Loud thump sound interrupts the conversation between Simon and Sarah.

SARAH

(jokingly) Oh my God! Did he get to close to that fence again?

SIMON

I thought he said he was a good driver?

SARAH

He is.

Lea's voice is heard in the distance. Screaming.

LEA O.S

Call 911!

CONTINUOUS ACTION IN SLOW MOTION, SOUND OF HEARTBEAT

- Sarah drops her plate of food on the ground and stays frozen in her steps.
- Simon runs towards Lea who is frantic.
- Simon runs into the open field, as he dials 911.
- Other guests run towards the the scene, panicked and confused.
- Guests tend to Lea who is crying and in shock.
- Sarah breathes heavily, still frozen in her steps.

EXT. ALEC'S COUNTRYSIDE HOME, OPEN FIELD- DUSK

CONTINUOUS ACTION IN SLOW MOTION WHILE ALEC IS STANDING IN THE FIELD, WATCHING THE SCENE.

- Simon runs towards the tiled-over side-by-side, wheels still spinning. Another male guest follows him close behind.
- Sarah runs into the field, frantic. She is pulled back by a few other guests.
- Alec stands in a distance watching the action.

ALEC

Oh my God... what did I do? What did I do?

- Simon kills the motor and crouches down.
- Shot reveals Alec's body lying on the ground, lifeless.
- Simon assesses him and starts CPR.
- Sarah is crying and trying to cut herself loose from the grip. Friends have to pull her back.

ALEC

What did I do? I'm so sorry... I'm so sorry... Sarah, I'm so sorry. How did this happen?

- Simon continues CPR.

- Alec watches anxiously, frustrated and having no control over the situation.

ALEC

How do I go back? I need to go back! This is not supposed to happen!

- Simon continues CPR. He stops as Alec takes one last breath.

SIMON

No...no... Alec! Come on buddy! No no no...

- He gets up and walks in circles screaming.
- First responders arrive on scene and Simon moves out of the way. He sits on the ground, his head in his hands, rocking back and forth.
- First responders assess the situation.
- An officer approaches Sarah to tell her that Alec didn't make it. She screams and crumbles to the ground.
- Alec stands back and watches the action unfold in disbelief.

ALEC

This can't be happening. This isn't supposed to happen. I'm so sorry... I'm so sorry...

CONTINUOUS

Time lapse shows the scene of the accident and reactions.

- Night is falling and there's a beautiful sunset. Lights of first responders flashing in the sky.
- Guests slowly retreat and leave.
- First responders gradually leave and the field is empty.
- Stars come out.
- Sarah is still standing on the edge of the tree line, staring.
- Lea joins her and covers her in a a blanket. They walk back towards the house.
- Alec is standing in the field watching, shocked by his own death.
- He tries to run after Sarah but somehow can't seem to reach her no matter how fast he runs.

- Alec gives up, drops on his knees, tears running down his face.

ALEC (screaming) Sarah!!!

Lights on barn and house flicker as his voice echoes in the night.

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