

Katrin<sup>5</sup>  
Side #3

LLOYD  
You just happened to have two cups?

KATRIN  
And you just happened to have a table?

They sip their "tea."

Katrin grabs several letters, surrounds herself with them on the table.

KATRIN  
What do you do really? As an Air Raid Warden?

LLOYD  
Keep people safe.

KATRIN  
Until when?

LLOYD  
Tonight? Two.

KATRIN  
And then?

LLOYD  
Then I go to the tube.

KATRIN  
What happens there?

LLOYD  
...Business.

KATRIN  
Business?

LLOYD  
What are all those?

KATRIN  
Love letters.

LLOYD  
From the front?

Start

KATRIN

All the proof of my husband's love.  
 (Beat.)  
 Earlier I was in the cinema. All day.

LLOYD

All day?

KATRIN

Starting at 9 am.  
 (Beat.)  
 Why? You look down on going to the cinema?

LLOYD

I think people who go to the cinema right now are looking down.

KATRIN

What's that mean?

LLOYD

Blinders on. Eyes on the screen instead of reality.

KATRIN

That's the point.  
 (Beat.)  
 I watched *Gone with the Wind* two times.  
 "A woman should be kissed often and by somebody who knows how."

KATRIN (cont.)

That's my favorite line. Not that that's. Goodness. That's not. I don't know why I. I shouldn't have said that here. Why is that?  
 No. I hold to it. It's my favorite line.  
 Scarlett's like the Spitfire ladies up in the sky. Or those British girls working as ambulance drivers and factory workers. I mean not really at all like that. But her spirit is. She does what she does. Never gives in. I mean, you don't see girls in Tacoma like that.  
 I watched *It Happened One Night* in between.  
 Clark Gable bosses bratty Claudette Colbert around. That's more how it is. I think.  
 And when the sirens went off, I slipped my ring off.  
 The words flashed across the screen, "For those desiring to remain the show will go on. Walk, not run, to the exits. Do not panic. Remember, you are British!"  
 I just sat there. Like this.  
 (She demonstrates, knees to her chest.)  
 Crunched my popcorn and watched the rest of *Gone with the Wind*. Sure enough—the all clear came. But I forgot to put my ring back on.  
 They made us all leave at 9 pm. Did you know the cinema closes at 9 now?

Beat. Silence. Except for the bombs.

KATRIN

(Re: the space.)

See?  
Hasn't collapsed.

LLOYD

Not yet.

KATRIN

It'll hold



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