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*(THEY laugh)*

Shhh. Shhh. You'll wake the kids. Let's laugh to ourselves.

DAVID

Oh, Jenny, for God's sake.

*(ROBERT laughs more and pounds the floor)*

JENNY

Sshh! We'll get evicted!

START

ROBERT

Jenny, you're terrific. You're the girl I should have married.

JENNY

Listen, I know a darling girl in this building you'll just love.

ROBERT

What?

JENNY

When are you going to get married?

DAVID

What?

JENNY

I mean it. To me a person's not complete until he's married.

DAVID

He's complete enough.

*(To ROBERT)*

You're better off the way you are.

ROBERT

That's what I hear.

JENNY

*(Almost hurt)*

Oh, Dave. Do you mean that?

DAVID

No.

*(Pause)*

Well, frankly, sometimes I'd like to be single.

JENNY

*(Now SHE is hurt)*

Oh. That's not even funny.

DAVID

It has nothing to do with you.

JENNY

I'm your wife!

DAVID

And that's the way I want it. But didn't you ever wish you could be single again? I mean for an hour even?

JENNY

No.

*(Pause)*

Could you make it two hours?

*(JENNY and ROBERT laugh)*

Now Bobby, you get yourself married. You see the ideas you're giving Dave.

ROBERT

Oh, I will. It's not like I'm avoiding marriage. It's avoiding me, if anything. I'm ready.

JENNY

Actually, you're not. But listen, not everybody should be married, I guess.

DAVID

I don't know. Actually a man should be married. Your life has a — what? What am I trying to say? A point to it — a bottom. You know what I'm saying? I have everything — but freedom. Which is everything, huh? No. This is everything. I got my wife, my kids, a home. I feel that — uh — well, you gotta give up to get. Know what I'm saying?

ROBERT

X Listen, I agree. But you know what bothers me is, if you marry, then you've got another person there all the time. Plus you can't get out of it, whenever you just might want to get out of it. You are caught! See? And even if you do get out of it,

what do you have to show for it? Not to mention the fact that — then — you've always been married. I mean, you can never, not have been married again. ]

JENNY

I don't feel you're really ready. Do you think, just maybe I mean subconsciously — you might be resisting it?

END

ROBERT

No. Negative. Absolutely not! I have no block, no resistance. I am ready to be married.

JENNY

*(Quietly)*

Then why aren't you?

*(Pause)*

ROBERT

I've always had things to accomplish. That's the main reason. First I had to finish school. Then I wanted to get started, to get some kind of security. And, uh — just things I wanted to do before I could even begin to think in terms of marriage. Oh, know that can sound like rationalization, but it's not. Frankly, I wanted to have some fun before I settled down.

*(Slight pause)*

DAVID

Right. And you've done all those things.

ROBERT

Right.

*(Pause)*

Then why am I not married, huh? Wow. Taking me on a bummer. Wait though. You just wait. You are going to see major changes in my life. I mean I meet women all the time. All over the place. All you have to do is live in New York and you meet a girl a minute. And I've met some real special ladies recently.

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*You Could Drive A Person Crazy*

*(April, Marta, Kathy)*

Like right now, I'm dating this flight attendant. Cute, original...

*(APRIL APPEARS with MUSIC: BOBBY BABY underscoring)*

... odd. And Kathy, you guys never met Kathy, did you? Well, she's the best...