ACT TWO
SCENE ONE
<u>OH, SO THEY'RE DATING</u>

[Lights up. We're exactly where we've left off, GEORGIA and WINIFRED in each others' arms. There's a moment of breathing, they can't believe they're finally back together, alone.]

WINIFRED

I've missed you.

GEORGIA

You've seen me every day this past week. This past month, actually, apart from your aunt's funeral.

WINIFRED

I've missed being <u>alone</u> with you.

GEORGIA

We got to be alone last night. Not for long, I'll grant you, but still.

WINIFRED

But it was outside. At midnight. And I scraped my knee sneaking back into my room.

GEORGIA

Poor thing.

WINIFRED

It hurts!

GEORGIA

Well, I fell over the porch railing after you kissed me three years ago, so I guess we're even.

WINIFRED

Well, my knee still hurts.

[GEORGIA kisses WINIFRED.]

GEORGIA

Better?

WINIFRED

[Blushing, a little bit goofy]…Alright.

GEORGIA

But we should hurry. We don't know when your mother will be back.

WINIFRED

I don't like this sneaking around. It's been three years of this— Hiding in parlor rooms having private discussions. Meeting in the garden. It makes me nervous.

GEORGIA

I know. But I like… This. Us. You. But the minute we tell your parents there's no way we'll ever be alone again. Some chaperone will be with us all the time. And it'll probably be some old man who will absolutely ruin the mood. And not to mention everyone else.

WINIFRED

Everyone else? What about everyone else?

GEORGIA

They're going to expect us to… Be a certain way. And I love you. Romantically.

WINIFRED

Good.

GEORGIA

You're someone I can rely on. But right now, everyone sees us as close friends. What happens if— When we tell people— What if they don't see us as anything more than that?

WINIFRED

What does it matter what other people think?

GEORGIA

It's… Tiring. Calling you my friend when I know that you're more than that. And if people still saw us as only friends…

WINIFRED

We could get married?

GEORGIA

One day, yeah. But even then would that fix it?

WINIFRED

Let people see what they want. Put us in the public eye until we have a wedding. A few months without privacy for a lifetime of… Other things.

GEORGIA

Right. Other things.

WINIFRED

And I love the other things.

GEORGIA

How long can you wait?

WINIFRED

Wait?

GEORGIA

Until the other things.

WINIFRED

I'll wait as long as it takes.

GEORGIA

Well, that's good to know.

WINIFRED

And you?

GEORGIA

I don't <u>want</u> to hide this.

WINIFRED

But?

GEORGIA

If we're going to say something, I want to be ready.