

I'll Stand by You  
(revised draft)

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INT. MATT'S FLAT - EVENING

MATT (20s) is in his stylish bachelor pad getting ready for his date. He smoothly fixes his hair and puts on aftershave.

INT. HANNAH'S BEDROOM - EVENING

HANNAH (20s) looks unkempt and flustered as she discards outfit after outfit while her daughter LILY (6) watches.

EXT. THE STREET OUTSIDE HANNAH'S HOUSE - LATER THAT EVENING

Hannah exits the house, calling to STEPH, the babysitter.

HANNAH

That's my number. Call me if  
*anything* happens.

She sees Matt and smiles as he hands her a rose.

MATT

Sorry, I know it's a horrible  
cliche but... actually, I don't  
have an excuse. It's just a  
horrible cliche.

HANNAH

Hey, there's a reason it's a  
classic. Besides - single mum,  
remember? You could take me to see  
mudwrestling aardvarks and it would  
still be the most romantic  
experience I've had this decade.

MATT

Damn. And there was me worrying the  
restaurant I've picked wasn't fancy  
enough.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. HANNAH'S LIVING ROOM - LATER

Hannah rushes in. Lily is lying on the sofa, holding an inhaler and spacer.

LILY

I took my puffer but I still  
couldn't breathe.

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HANNAH

Oh, sweetheart. It's all right now  
my darling, Mummy's here.

STEPH

(to Matt)

Is she mad at me?

MATT

Nah, it's not your fault. You did  
the right thing by calling us.

He hands her a twenty pound note.

STEPH

Cheers! Sorry I ruined your dinner.

Steph leaves.

C.U. on Matt as he watches them sadly.

C.U. on Hannah as she strokes Lily's hair.

O.S. The front door SLAMS. Stay on Hannah as she realises  
Matt has left. She is alone. She presses a tender kiss to  
Lily's hair and holds her close.

FADE TO BLACK.

O.S. KNOCKING

INT. HANNAH'S HOUSE - EVENING

Hannah slowly gets up from the sofa and goes to the front  
door. She opens it to find Matt holding a plain plastic bag.

MATT

I took a punt that you're more of a  
chippy fan than curry. Happy  
Valentine's Day.

Hannah grins as she pulls Matt towards her and kisses him.  
When they pull apart, Matt walks into the living room. He  
sits down next to Lily.

MATT

Hello, Lily. My name's Matt. How  
are you feeling now?

Hannah stands in the doorway and watches them, as a  
contented smile spreads across her face.