

SCENE 4 ON THE WAY TO THE TOPMOST TURRET (TEN YEARS LATER)

MUSIC PLAY ON

(Ten years later. FAIRY MOONBEAM enters.)

MOONBEAM Another decade's passed, the royal children fully grown
The Queen's proclaimed the end of spinning wheels from the throne.
They need to keep Aurora safe from prophecies and fairies.
So nowadays she sits alone eating tonnes of Ben and Jerries.

Aurora, bless her, barely sees her friends or goes outside,
Tomorrow she turns 21, so 1 days time is left to bide.
For on her birthday she'll be free, and rid of the old curse.
A date awaited by us all, especially Nanny Nightnurse!

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(FAIRY MOONBEAM exits. PRINCESS AURORA enters and walks to her window to survey the kingdom. PRINCE ARTHUR enters)

ARTHUR Excuse me, I wonder if you might help me find -

(PRINCESS AURORA turns around to look at him)

AURORA - Arthur!

(PRINCESS AURORA runs to PRINCE ARTHUR and flings her arms around him.)

ARTHUR Aurora, you are every bit as beautiful as the day I left.

AURORA And you every bit as charming.

ARTHUR I thank you fair maiden.

(PRINCE ARTHUR performs a faux bow and kisses PRINCESS AURORA's hand.)

AURORA But what are you doing here? I thought you were still at uni.

ARTHUR I was, but I couldn't resist the excuse to come back and see you. When your parents sent a formal invitation to your twenty first birthday -

AURORA - my what?

ARTHUR Your party. You didn't know?

AURORA I knew mother and father were up to something. Dear Nanny Nightnurse and Archie have been running around like headless chickens the last few days. No wonder.

ARTHUR I fear I've rather spoiled the surprise.

AURORA No, no, don't be silly. I can still act surprised!

ARTHUR You won't rat me out then.

AURORA Why would I rat you out? I'm pleased to see you.

ARTHUR Well, I'm not as young as I used to be. I thought perhaps you might have gone off me. Past my sell-by date.