

THE WORDS

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FADE IN:

EXT. PROVINCIAL PARK - DAY

George needed to get away from everyone and everything so he could make up his own mind. His dog was the only one that really listened to him and didn't try to influence his opinion. George thought that if he could find a quiet place he could make a decision for himself.

He drives to the edge of a cliff outside of town with a beautiful serene view. This was a turning point in his life and nature always made him feel spiritual and think clear.

He walks down a dirt path. He stumbles on some loose rocks as he approaches the edge of a steep cliff overlooking the lake. The sun peers out from behind the clouds lighting the trees surrounding him. He takes a deep breath and a flock of geese fly past causing him to lose his footing and slip once again. The brisk autumn air and the smell of the water below is eerily comforting.

Mustering up the courage to confront his dilemma, he stretches his arms out wide and raises them towards God. He leans slightly forward and struggles to say out loud...

GEORGE

I... ugh,...damn it.

He shouts in frustration attempting to spit it out.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

I want... I can't live with... I...  
ugh!

A voice interrupts him.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Don't do it! Nothing is worth this!

George looks around but can't see where the voice is. He engages the voice.

GEORGE

But, I want to end my loneliness.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

You aren't alone. But if you go through with this, you will be alone for eternity.

Irritated that he can't see where this voice is coming from.

GEORGE

What? You don't know what it's like.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Think it through!

GEORGE

I am, I have. I'm going to do it. I'm tired of being alone. I came here to find the courage and I'm going through with it!

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

No wait!

George has had enough of this annoying voice that is ruining his moment and won't leave him alone.

GEORGE

No! I need to say the words!

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Uh, what?

With no more hesitation, George says what he came here to practice saying.

GEORGE

Will...you.. MARRY ME?

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Huh? Oh, hey, good luck with that buddy!