

MY OLD FRIENDS

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Note: As written, the main character is a man, but I can revise
it to be a woman.

INT. DARK SPACE - NIGHT

The space is entirely dark, except for a circle on the floor illuminated by a spotlight situated high above.

ALEC MACNEIL, an old man with white hair walks into the light.

Alec stops and peers into the darkness. His face reflects hope as his eyes scan around the dark space. He stops as a smile breaks out on his face.

ALEC MACNEIL

Mother? Is that you?

It has been so long. Such memories.

When I was home sick from school.
You would come and give me crackers
in bed. It made me feel so much
better.

How are you?

Alec gazes into the darkness. A bright smile lights up his face. As the seconds tick by, the smile fades. Then he looks down at the floor briefly. Alec looks up again, with his head turning from side to side, he scans the darkness again. He stops and smiles again; he does a quarter turn clockwise to look.

ALEC MACNEIL

Dougie! Can it be?

My big brother! What would have
become of me without you?

Do you remember that time down by
the river? I was so foolish back
then. I never thanked you enough.

Thank you.

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ALEC MACNEIL

Jack! You old horse thief!

How is my old buddy doing? Still up to no good like always I expect.

We were such troublemakers back then, weren't we? I'm amazed we survived.

What are you up to these days?

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ALEC MACNEIL

Maria! My darling!

When we met I felt like a whole person for the first time.

I remember our first date. Walking along the river, Getting caught in a rainstorm. Soaked to the skin.

Do you remember what you told me?

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ALEC MACNEIL

Michelle! My little girl!

I remember seeing you for the first time. The cutest little baby in the world.

You grew up so fast. I only wish I could have -

Alec stops, looks down, covers his eyes with his hand, and starts to sob.

ALEC MACNEIL

Gone! All gone!