

**INT. music room - DAY**

KAT sits on the floor. The door opens and PAT walks in, finding KAT in the same place he's found her for the past couple of days.

**PAT**

Hey again! What are you up to?

KAT doesn't look up, already recognising the person in the room from their many prior years of familiarity.

**KAT**

Mm? Just working on something

**PAT**

Mmm...

PAT plops his stuff down near the door and sits on the floor next to KAT. She looks up from her laptop to the boy peeping over her shoulder.

**KAT**

What are you up to?

**PAT** (shrugs)

I'm just hanging out with you.

A moment passes as they look at each other. KAT tries to read the gigantic smile on PAT's face. She snaps her head back to her laptop.

**KAT**

You must be bored.

**PAT** (shaking his head)

Mm-mm, I'm meant to be at rehearsal right now. I just figured it's now or never.

KAT's head perks up. She turns to look at PAT, with a more inquisitive look on her face.

**KAT**

Now or never for what?

**PAT** (shrugs again)

To be with you.

A beat. They look into each other's eyes. PAT seems to process what he said and bursts out into awkward laughter, swaying backwards and slapping KAT playfully on the shoulder.

**PAT** (laughing forcefully)

No, I didn't mean it like that!

KAT forces out a laugh/exhale and turns back to her laptop.

**PAT** (waffling)

I meant, like- it's been 2 years since I've seen you, y'know? I don't wanna waste the opportunity.

**KAT** (teasing)

Mm-hmm.

PAT exhales to finish his laughter, and his ears have turned red. KAT turns to look at him from the side of her eye, and smiles in endearment.

**KAT**

How's your family doing?

**PAT** (clears throat)

Ahem— yeah, they're good! We're all busy. Yours?

**KAT**

Mom's doing good, yeah.

**PAT**

You should tell her to visit our mom more often - they never seem to talk anymore?

**KAT** (chuckles)

That's probably our fault for falling out in junior year.

**PAT**

Oh, my god, yeah - I forgot that happened.

**KAT** (joking)

It was entirely your fault.

A moment of silence.

**PAT**

Yeah. It was.

KAT looks up at him.

**KAT**

Woah, I was joking. It's okay, dude. Let bygones be bygones.

KAT looks back at her laptop.

**PAT** (shaking his head)

I do really regret it though.

**KAT** (typing)

What, like, how we handled it?

**PAT**

No. Like, rejecting you.

KAT's typing comes to a halt. She turns her head slowly back to PAT.

**KAT**

What does that mean?

**PAT**

It means, like, I should've thought about it more.

**KAT**

Oh?

**PAT** (looking around, avoiding eye contact)

Like, I was a baby.

KAT chuckles in agreement.

**PAT** (cont.)

But, to be honest...

PAT stops fidgeting and looks directly into KAT's eyes.

**PAT** (cont.)

I feel like we should give it a shot.

A beat. KAT blinks frantically.

**KAT**

What, like, now?!

**PAT**

Well, yeah!

Another beat. They just stare at each other, KAT blinking dumbfoundedly and PAT, again, with a huge smile plastered on his face. KAT bites back a smile and turns back to her laptop.

**KAT**

You're gonna have to do more than that if you wanna ask me out.

**PAT**

Oh? That wasn't a no, though?

PAT leans forward and tries to get KAT to look into his eyes again. KAT smiles and closes her laptop, standing up.

**KAT**

Let's go.

**PAT** (standing up)

Where?

**KAT** (slinging her laptop under her arm, with a slight smile)

To hang out.

KAT leaves the room first. PAT frantically grabs his stuff and excitedly follows her.