

The States Collection – Indiana – All You Need Is Love

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CAST: 2 (1 male, 1 female)

Jack (male) 20's; a romantic, in love

Jill (female) 20's; a semi-romantic, in love – but

PLACE: Outside Art Museum in Indianapolis in the Plaza when the famous Love Sculpture sits

TIME: A Summer Night

(Lights up on JACK and JILL on the Plaza.)

JACK

That was a stunning exhibit. It brings me back to our first date in the museum. That was almost two years ago. Do you remember?

JILL

Of course I do. The exhibits are similar – same time period.

JACK

I love coming out and seeing the “LOVE” sculpture. It reminds me that there is still good in the world. It reminds me – to love.

(JACK takes out a ring box from his pocket.)

JILL

You need a reminder for that?

JACK

No! I meant.... I mean The Beatles were right. “All You Need Is Love,” right?

JILL

Money helps. Look at all those couples. I bet there are marriage proposals happening. So boring. You'd think they'd think of a better place than the “LOVE” sculpture. *Everyone* does that.

(JACK hastily returns the ring box to his pocket.)

JACK

You think they'd be better off at a carwash?

JILL

No.

JACK

Or in the back of a dumpster? Because that's easily arranged.

JILL

Of course not.

JACK

This isn't going as well as I planned it in my head. So, I'm just going to improvise here.

(Jack gets down on one knee.)

Maybe this is a trite and uninteresting way to do this. But this is what I planned. And I'm just a boring engineer who plans carefully and sticks to the plan. I know that studies show that unmarried, childless women are happier than unmarried, childless men and the times, they are a changing, and people live together without marriage and there is no stigma anymore. And people change and studies say love lasts just three years but marriage is a contract forever. And in the past, marriages would last – like ten years because the men would be conscripted for some war and die on the battlefield or the women would die in childbirth so nobody had to stick together for decades. I realize that studies also show that humans are not really monogamous. And that marriage doesn't mean anything anymore since most people get divorced anyway. But I believe in love. In us. Maybe even marriage. “P.S. I Love You.” “Love Me Do?” “Will You Still Love Me When I'm 64?”

JILL

Is this a marriage proposal?

JACK

Was it okay?

JILL

Yes.

END OF PLAY