SYLVIA (CON'T)
He'll be fine.

NATALIE
Thanks, Sylvia. Thanks, Lorraine! I'll see you later, Dad.
(NATALIE rushes out)

SYLVIA
Your little girl looks beautiful.

JIM
I just wish her mother could've seen her like this.

SYLVIA
Jim, did I ever tell you you're a good man?

JIM
No.

SYLVIA
Well, you are.

JIM
You know what, Sylvia? I think that's the first compliment you ever gave me.

SYLVIA
Really? And how long have we known each other?

JIM
Twenty years.

SYLVIA
Well, twenty years from now I'll give you another one.

JIM
Hey, how long has it been since you kissed a fellah?

SYLVIA
Six happy years.

JIM
You ever miss it?

SYLVIA
Jim, every morning when I wake up and there's no man on the other side of my bed, I know it's gonna be a good day.

JIM

Well, I haven't kissed a woman since Margaret died. That's nearly three years now –

SYLVIA

You reach a certain age, Jim, and you realize it's better to be alone.

JIM

Yeah. Sleeping alone, eating alone, for the rest of my life – alone.

(MISS SANDRA enters)

SANDRA

Excuse me.

[MUSIC HITS and LIGHTS SUDDENLY SHIFT to a SPOTLIGHT on JIM]

(ALL, except JIM, freeze)

#9 ONE NIGHT WITH YOU (JIM)

JIM

ONE NIGHT WITH YOU!
IS WHAT I'M NOW PRAYING FOR!

[MUSIC STOPS and LIGHTS SHIFT BACK]

(ALL unfreeze)

SANDRA

Does this establishment serve food?

SYLVIA

Nothin' I would eat.

JIM

Excuse me.

SANDRA

Yes?

JIM

I, uh… I, uh…