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Marianne No thank you.

Roland Are you hungry?

Marianne Full.

Roland I've. I've had a really wonderful day.

Marianne Same.

Roland Really?

Marianne Yes.

Roland Can I be honest with you?

Marianne No.

*She's joking. They perhaps smile a little.*

Roland There are, there are times when I look at you and I absolutely understand why you're doing this. But there are times when I absolutely don't. And I'm not, I'm not saying you shouldn't be calling it a day. But I s'pose I am starting to wonder if now is the right time. Because if it were me and I were you I think that I would want as much time as possible. And if you think you've got another couple of months in you, God I would love to give that a go.

Marianne Yes.

Roland What?

Marianne (*beat*) Yes. Let's go home.

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Roland Because if it were me and I were you I think that I would want as much time as possible. And if you think you've got another couple of weeks in you, God I would love to give that a go.

Marianne What what do you mean by time?

Roland Time, I mean time, I'd want more time. With you.

Marianne I'm not sure that

You and I, we might, we think that

But that, that

There's an arrow from p-past to present.

Roland Mary -

Marianne But that's really all we can say. Asymmetrical.

Roland Mary -

Marianne But nobody knows why.

Roland Okay.

Marianne L-listen to me, please.

Roland Let's not talk about this now.

Marianne Please.

Roland I shouldn't have brought it up.

Marianne L-listen to me, please. The basic laws of physics - The b-b-basic laws of physics don't have a past and a present. Time is irrelevant at the level of a-atoms and molecules. It's symmetrical.

We have all the time we've always had.

You'll still have all our time.

Once I

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There's not going to be any more or less of it.

Once I'm gone.

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Roland Hello, Marianne.

Marianne Roland We, hi - Hello. How are you?

Roland Yeah, I'm fine thanks.

Marianne Oh good. Good, that's really good.

Roland How about y'self?

Marianne I bought some of your honey.

Roland Oh really.

Marianne From the Budgens in Crouch End.

Roland Yeah, right. They're really great.

Marianne I said to the girl on the till, I said I used to know the man who made this honey.

Roland What did she say?

Marianne She just stared at me.

Roland I read one of your papers.

Marianne You did not?

Roland I did. I downloaded it.

Marianne That's really amazing, Roland.

Roland What did you think of the honey?

Marianne Delicious. It was completely delicious. Are you, are you here for the ballroom class?