

THIS IS TAKEN FROM PINTER'S PLAY BETRAYAL

PLEASE MEMORIZE FOR THE FIRST INTERMEDIATE CLASS.

**BE WORD PERFECT- no paraphrasing, no missed lines
or words – word perfect – women are allowed to change
specific words that don't seem to apply if talking to men
– although you might be playing to women and men
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You're lovely. I'm crazy about you. All these words I'm using, don't you see, they've never been said before. Can't you see? I'm crazy about you. It's a whirlwind. Have you ever been to the Sahara Desert? Listen to me. It's true. Listen. You overwhelm me. You're so lovely.

You're so beautiful. Look at the way you're looking at me.

Look at the way you're looking at me. I can't wait for you. I'm bowled over, I'm totally knocked out, you dazzle me, you jewel, my jewel, I can't ever sleep again, no, listen, it's the truth, I won't walk, I'll be a cripple, I'll descend, I'll diminish, into total paralysis, my life is in your hands, that's what you're banishing me to, a state of catatonia, do you know the state of catatonia? Do you? Do you? The state of ... where the reigning prince is the prince of emptiness, the prince of absence, the prince of desolation. I love you.

Everyone knows. The world knows. It knows. But they'll never know, they'll never know, they're in a different world. I adore you. I'm madly in love with you. I can't believe that what anyone is at this moment saying has ever happened has ever happened. Nothing has ever happened. Nothing. This is the only thing that has ever happened. Your eyes kill me. I'm lost. You're wonderful.

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Don't learn the following speech yet:

You're beautiful. Listen I've been watching you all night. I must tell you, I want to tell you, I have to tell you --- you're incredible. I was the best man at your wedding. I saw you in white. I watched you glide by in white. You know what should have happened? I should have had you in your white, before the wedding. I should have blackened you in your bridal dress, before ushering you into your wedding as your best man. No. Your best man.