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George now runs the Building and Loan with his uncle. His brother Harry returns home from college and announces to the family that he's gotten married. George's mother, eager to find happiness for her eldest son, suggests to George that he visit Mary Hatch, who has also just returned home from college. George heads out for a walk, telling his mother he's going to the library - but he stops by the Hatch residence as his mother suggested...

- **George Bailey (tone mid-20s):** a responsible young man, but inexperienced in love and easily flustered. He's very happy to see Mary Hatch now that she's returned to town, but he's trying to not let that on
- **Mary Hatch (tone mid-20s):** hoping to see George, who she's secretly been in love with since childhood. Mary waits on the porch for him after George's mother Rose calls and tells her to expect him

MARY. Hello, George.

GEORGE. Hello, Mary. I just happened to be passing by.

MARY. Your mother just phoned and said you were on your way over to pay me a visit.

GEORGE. My mother just called you? Well, how did she know?

MARY. Well ...

GEORGE. I didn't tell anybody. I just went for a walk and happened to be passing by ... What do you ... Went for a walk, that's all. When did you get back?

MARY. Tuesday ... Would you like to come in?

GEORGE. Well, I guess, since I'm here.

(SFX: Door opens, closes.)

GEORGE. Say, where'd you get that dress?

MARY. Do you like it?

GEORGE. It's all right. I thought you'd go back to New York with Sam and Francie and the rest of them.

MARY. Oh, I worked there a couple of vacations, but I don't know ... I guess I was homesick.

GEORGE. Homesick for Bedford Falls?

MARY. Yes, and my family and ... oh, everything. Would you like to sit down?

GEORGE. All right, for a minute. I still can't understand it though. You know I didn't tell anybody I was coming here.

MARY. Would you rather leave?

GEORGE. No, I don't want to be rude.

MARY. It was nice about Harry and Ruth, wasn't it?

GEORGE. Oh ... yeah, yeah. That's all right.

MARY. Don't you like her?

GEORGE. Well, of course I like her. She's a peach.

MARY. Ohhh. It's just marriage in general you're not enthusiastic about, huh?

GEORGE. No. Marriage is okay for Harry, and Sam Wainwright, and you.

MRS. HATCH. Mary! Mary! Who's out there with you?

MARY. It's George Bailey, mother.

MRS. HATCH. George Bailey! What does he want?!

MARY. I don't know. What do you want, George?

GEORGE. Me? Not a thing. I just came in to get warm.

MARY. (To MRS. HATCH:) He's making violent love to me, Mother!

MRS. HATCH. You tell him to go right back home, and don't you leave the house, Sam Wainwright promised to call from New York tonight, didn't he?

GEORGE. Your mother needn't- You know I didn't come here for-to ... to ...

MARY. What did you come here for?