(The sound of music. The backyard of a house party. CONNOR drinks from a flask. CHLOE enters. She's got a big plastic cup filled with punch. She doesn't see CONNOR. In this version CONNOR is the aggressor. He's more of a player.)

CONNOR. Looking for something?

CHLOE. You scared me. I didn't know anyone was out here.

CONNOR. It's

hot in there. How's that punch?

CHLOE. Pretty nasty.

CONNOR. (Offering a drink from his flask:)

You want some? (CHLOE *hesitates*.)

CONNOR. Come on.

(CHLOE reluctantly takes a sip.),

CONNOR. Oh you can do better than that.

(CHLOE drinks more. CONNOR stares at her. It makes her uncomfortable.) •

CHLOE. What?

CONNOR. Nothing. You don't go to Hoover, do you?

CHLOE.No.

CONNOR. I didn't think so. I'd remember you. You, I would totally remember. I'd remember everything about you. So where do you go?

CHLOE. North Central.

CONNOR. North Central? That's on the other side of the river. What are you doing on this side of the river?

CHLOE. (*Thinking that's a stupid question:*) Uh, I'm at a party.

CONNOR. Right. Looking for some fun on a Friday night. A little adventure. A good time.

CHLOE. Listen, I should probably get going.

going.

CONNOR. Oh yeah? 'Cause me and my buddies, we were just about to head out. Maybe you want to come with?

CHLOE. No thanks.

CONNOR. Come on now. The night's still young.

CHLOE. I gotta go.

CONNOR. Oh come on.

CHLOE. My friend's inside. I really, I gotta go.

CONNOR.

Hold up, hold up. I have something to tell you.

(CONNOR approaches CHLOE. He whispers something we can't hear. He kisses her. She lets herself be kissed. TY appears.)