

EXT PARK DAY

Theodore watches a 16 old girl, Becky Nielsen ride through the park on her bike. She stops and gets off and sits down on a picnic table nearby. Ted jumps up and heads her direction.

THEODORE

Hi Becky.

BECKY

What's going on, Theodore.

THEODORE

Just enjoying one of the last days of summer. Won't be long and we'll be locked up inside the school again.

BECKY

I know. Summer goes by so fast. I'm not ready yet.

Ted nods.

THEODORE

Becky, I was wondering, if--

BECKY

If what?

THEODORE

This is hard for me to say.

BECKY

Well, just say it.

THEODORE

Would you go to homecoming with me?

BECKY

Oh. Well, school hasn't even started yet. It's kind of early for making homecoming dates.

THEODORE

Gloria and Brenda invited me to a party at the lake. They said I might find a homecoming date there.

BECKY

Seriously? They're not your kind of girls.

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THEODORE

I know. That's why I came over here and asked you to homecoming. But, it seems like you're trying to avoid answering my question?

BECKY

This is hard. I like you, Theodore. As a Christian brother. As a friend. I just don't see you as a romantic interest.

THEODORE

The story of my life. Sorry to bother you.

Ted leaves.

BECKY

You're not bot-- Whatever.

She shrugs and shakes her head.