**Out Of The Rain**

**Character List**

JOHN – late twenties.

LUCY – late twenties.

(Small part of ASSISTANT-Any adult age/gender, not in audition script)

*They laugh. A charged moment.*

LUCY: Well, I ought to/

JOHN: It’s still raining.

LUCY: Is it?

JOHN: What do you do all day in Golden Square?

LUCY: I work for a publisher.

JOHN: You were always good at English. You used to write amazing stories.

LUCY: Now I’m good at negotiating reprints. Get to travel sometimes, book fairs.

JOHN: *(John takes out a business card.)* We should catch up, properly. Go for lunch or something.

LUCY: Corporate Actions Specialist. What’s that?

JOHN: Something you do when tree surgery goes wrong.

LUCY: You were a tree surgeon?

JOHN: Not for long.

LUCY: What happened?

JOHN: I didn’t like heights.

LUCY: You’re joking.

JOHN: No. I thought I could get used to it, but I couldn’t. And I was pretty good too. Pollarding. Chestnut blight.

LUCY: *(laughs)*

JOHN: Do you have a card?

LUCY: In the office.

JOHN: A number?

LUCY: You must be really busy, wedding plans and all that?

JOHN: Will you ring me?

LUCY: Sure. It’s been great to see you.

JOHN: And you.

*(She goes to leave. He wavers until she’s nearly gone, goes after her)*

JOHN: Wait.

LUCY: What?

JOHN: You won’t ring, will you?

LUCY: John.

JOHN: You won’t. I know you.

LUCY: *Knew* me.

JOHN: Know you.

LUCY: Some things are best left.

JOHN: By some things you mean me?

LUCY: John, please.

JOHN: *(Lowers his voice)* Ok. I’m going to ask it. I’m going to ask it because I’ll probably never see you again and I’ve always, I’ve had this niggle, when I look back.

LUCY: Don’t.

JOHN: Why did you finish it?